

## Tory drive to scrap annual pay increases

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Government launched a drive yesterday for a transformation in the attitude of British industry to the arrangements for negotiating pay, including the abandonment of national bargaining and the guaranteed annual increase.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Employment, in a message which is being followed up by the Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Exchequer and other senior ministers, urged the introduction of a system of paying workers based on competition and the ability to pay, and rewards for merit and performance.

Behind the radical plan is the Government's desire to produce more jobs in the regions by enabling companies to pay lower rates there, and thus address the growing concern over the North-South divide which ministers believe threatens to become a key election issue.

It will mean a large-scale upheaval in the expectations of managements and workforces about pay.

The Government is planning to exhort the private sector, while leading the way in the public sector through encouraging greater regional

variations in pay deals and urging local authorities, as Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment, has already done, to pay what they can afford and to tear up national agreements.

Mr Clarke, who was delivering a lecture at the City University Business School in London, urged negotiators to ban the annual pay round, the so-called "going rate" for pay increases, the concept of pay comparability with other

Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, last night described Mr Clarke's plan as a "recipe for industrial anarchy from which many employers will shrink".

groups, job evaluation exercises and national bargaining.

He said it had always seemed strange that everyone doing apparently the same job should receive the same level of pay. Some would do the job better than others and it was only right to pay more to those who brought enthusiasm, enterprise and initiative to their work.

If they could move to a system where pay rises were based primarily on performance, merit, profitability, and supply and demand in the local labour market, "we will de-throne once and for all the annual pay round, and the belief that pay increases do not have to be earned".

Mr Clarke said that industry must move away from the belief that everyone was entitled to an annual increase, irrespective of their company's performance.

"We must move away also from the belief that increases

in pay must be the same in all industries, in all regions. This is attractive to many employers and employees because it provides an easy way to reach apparently 'fair' settlements without either party having to be nasty to the other.

"Many employers are happy to encourage a cosy relationship with union representatives and are afraid of appearing nasty to their workforce. But the cost of being nice is a loss of jobs.

Too many employers readily agreed pay claims based on so-called comparability with other groups, Mr Clarke said. It was a dangerous delusion to think league tables could take account of the different circumstances in which firms operated. He dismissed it as just another mechanism for "feeding high wage increases, leap-frogging claims and destroying jobs."

National pay bargaining was remote and destroyed jobs, taking insufficient account of the different circumstances of individual enterprises or of variations in the demand for workers and the cost of living in different parts of the country.

Local bargaining was more responsive to what individual firms could afford to pay. An efficient and effective labour market would respond with differential rates of pay for companies, industries and geographical areas. Mr Clarke predicted opposition not only from unions but employers wedded to national bargaining. "These are the employers who are not interested in raising efficiency, increasing profitability and generating new jobs, but instead only seek a quiet life. But that quiet life guarantees only a slow death."



Treble up: Mike Gatting (centre) leads the celebrations after England's cricketers had won the World Series Cup final against Australia in Sydney yesterday to add to their victories in the Ashes and Perth Challenge. John Woodcock, page 40

## Madame Cyn is cleared

After a thirteen-day hearing that cost around £100,000, a jury at the Inner London Crown Court yesterday acquitted Mrs Cynthia Payne of nine charges of controlling prostitutes at her home in Streatham, south-west London.

The judge, Mr. Brian Pryor QC, accepted a majority verdict on all the counts. Mrs Payne, 53, was also awarded her costs.

During the frequently lurid evidence that was presented about parties organised by Mrs Payne at her home, the court heard allegations concerning striptease acts, lesbian floorshows and wholesale and unwholesome sexual activities involving her guests.

Mrs Payne, who does not object to the nickname Madame Cyn, looked uncharacteristically solemn in the dock before the not guilty verdicts were read out. She allowed herself a small smile as the judge praised the jury.

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## British Airways lifts off at 119p

By Ray Heath

The privatization that was once feared would never take place, became one of the stock market success stories when dealings in British Airways shares began at 2.30pm yesterday.

Amid a roar of clichés such as "steamed, vertical take-off, launched, floated, skywards, and rocket assisted," BA shares proved all the doubters wrong by starting life at an immediate premium of more than 80 per cent over the first instalment price of 65p.

The next stage of 60p will be paid in August, and if yesterday's performance continues, shareholders will not mind paying up one bit.

BA was the first issue of this size since the City's Big Bang left the Stock Exchange's trading floor almost deserted. So, Lord King, chairman of BA, witnessed the start of dealings from the dealing room of Rowe & Pitman, the stockbroker.

There the aeronautical connections were hard to avoid. The room full of computer screens was as tense as a NASA control room as the countdown began.

On the unofficial "grey" market, BA's shares had been rising steadily for days, and now stood at 104p. Would this be reflected in stock market deals?

"Zero!" and the screens were covered in numbers. All over the room young men and women started shouting. There is no time for big figures in these markets, and that meant an opening price of

119.5p, way above all expectations.

Lord King looked pleased for the cameras.

Now the selling started in earnest and the indicator showing the volume of trade began to flicker. Within 10 minutes, 25 million shares had changed hands. By 2.50pm, 57 million shares had been traded.

Mr Michael Spicer, Minister of Aviation, pointed out what an historic day it was for British aviation. By then, 126 million shares had changed hands and the price had slid to 108p. Still a handsome premium, but one he was asked to defend. Had BA been sold too cheaply?

"No, we are quite satisfied that we sold on a fair price. Only two-and-a-half weeks ago people said we would not be able to sell the airline at the price," he replied.

Lord King concurred. "I don't think we were underpriced. The market has come up by 10 to 11 per cent. We caught the tide at the right time," he said.

By the end of the day about 280 million shares had been traded and at the closing price of 109p for the 720.2 million shares issued, BA was worth £12.2 billion.

● The Labour Party last night demanded an inquiry into the BA flotation, claiming that the under-valuation of its share issue had cost the taxpayer more than £300 million (writes Philip Webster).

Mr Tony Blair, an opposition Treasury spokesman, alleged that overseas speculators would take a first-day profit of more than £50 million.

## INSIDE US warns allies not to interfere

Western allies have no business telling Washington how to interpret the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty, which governs how far "Star Wars" can be pursued, the head of the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency said yesterday.

"I really don't think they have any qualifications for telling us what is the right interpretation of the ABM Treaty," Mr Kenneth Adelman said.

His comments came as Mrs Thatcher and the Italian Prime Minister made a joint call on the US to consult NATO allies on issues connected with the Strategic Defence Initiative.

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England have made four changes, one positional, in their team to play France in the Rugby Union Five Nations Championship at Twickenham on February 21. Page 35

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Industry is essentially about service, not boardroom politics, says Alison Graham, director of The Industrial Society, in an introduction to today's eight-page General Appointments section. Pages 26 to 33

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● There is a further £4,000 to be won today. Portfolio list page 23.

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## MPs urge pay threat to teachers

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Conservative MPs are urging the Government to withhold the teachers' 16.4 per cent pay rise if they vote next week to renew their campaign of disruption in schools in England and Wales.

The action is being planned by the two biggest unions, the National Union of Teachers and the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers.

They are sending out ballot papers and advising members to agree to a campaign of strikes and non-cooperation in protest against the Government's plan to impose a settlement to the two-year-old pay dispute.

Teachers are due the first half of their pay rise, backdated to January 1, as soon as the Teachers' Pay and Conditions Bill receives the Royal Assent early next month.

Payment of the second half, on October 1, is conditional on the teachers honouring the new contract which is part of the package.

Mr James Pawsley, chairman of the Conservative backbench education committee, said that if teachers voted to renew disruptive action they should not be paid the first 8.2 per cent. He said: "The package is a whole."

The Prime Minister yesterday strongly restated her "no deals" policy on Middle East terrorism and hostage taking (Our Diplomatic Correspondent, Andrew McEwen, writes).

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## British efficiency beats rest

By David Smith

Britain has the best record for productivity growth among the larger economies, new Treasury comparisons show. The figures point to a sea change in British economic performance in recent years.

"One of the most striking economic developments of the 1980s has been the big improvement in the productivity of British manufacturing industry," the Treasury says in its *Economic Progress Report*.

The figures show that output per head in British manufacturing grew by an average of 3.5 per cent between 1979 and the middle of last year.

This compared with growth rates of 2.3 per cent in the United States and West Germany, 2.7 per cent in Japan, 2.5 per cent in France, 2.4 per cent in Italy and 3 per cent in Canada.

The picture has changed radically since the 1960s and 1970s, when Britain was lodged firmly at the bottom of the productivity league. Between 1973 and 1979, output per head in British manufacturing grew by just 0.7 per cent a year, compared with rates of between 3 and 4 per cent for the United States, Japan, West Germany and France.

Prime Minister of Italy, Mrs Thatcher was asked whether they had found any new ideas. "I don't believe there are any new theories. The old one is best to stand firm, and you do not bargain," she said.

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## 'No deals' on hostages

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## Reporters attacked as Moscow Jews protest

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The limits of the recent softening in the Kremlin's stand on human rights were rudely exposed yesterday when Western television crews trying to film a street protest against the continuing imprisonment of the prominent Jewish dissident, Mr. Iosif Begun, were set upon by a group of tough-looking young men who damaged their equipment.

The incident followed the announcement that 140 Soviet prisoners in the Gulag had been pardoned and the cases of 140 others were under review. Mr. Begun, the

best known Jewish refusenik still behind bars, was refused a pardon because he refused to abide by the condition of signing a pledge that he would not continue "anti-state activities".

Yesterday's ugly scenes were in Moscow's historic Arbat, a pedestrian mall near the city centre, where protesters gathered for the third successive day to demonstrate peacefully on Mr. Begun's behalf. The action taken against the Western TV crews was reminiscent of similar tactics frequently used here in the past by agents of the KGB.

Witnesses said a French television team had its camera

and video recording equipment damaged and cables torn out by the unidentified youths. An American television team trying to film the demonstration was also roughed-up.

Mr. Begun is one of the main founders of the Hebrew teachers' movement in the Soviet Union and was during the 1970s one of the country's most active Jewish dissidents. He was jailed for seven years in 1983, with a further five years in internal exile for producing and distributing anti-Soviet literature.

Yesterday his wife Irina said that after attending the first protest on his behalf in the

Arbat on Monday she had been prevented from taking part in more by a police guard outside her Moscow apartment. She said an unmarked car filled with police in plain clothes had been posted outside her flat since Sunday evening, and was joined by a second on Tuesday.

Mr. Begun claimed that when she tried to leave her flat on Tuesday to join the protest a uniformed policeman posted on the door with two others in plain clothes told her to remain inside. "I asked him why and he said he was concerned for my security," she added.

Mr. Begun first applied to

emigrate from the Soviet Union in the 1970s and was sent into Siberian exile twice before his latest prison sentence imposed for "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda".

Mr. Gennady Gerasimov, the chief Kremlin spokesman, said yesterday that he did not expect the cases of many more dissidents to come under review after the second 140 now being considered.

Western observers said that estimates of political prisoners in the Soviet Union vary from 1,000 to 4,000.

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## Telecom workers accept offer

By Tim Jones

The strike by British Telecom engineers ended yesterday, after 17 days, when they voted overwhelmingly to accept a compromise pay deal, although it appears NCU members in Liverpool may not abide by the decision.

In spite of sustained opposition led by the London branches of the National Communications Union, the national vote was 53,757 to 28,999 in favour of the 12.66 per cent offer which is tied to significant changes in working practices.

Mr. Iain Vallance, Telecom's chief executive said: "A long period without the disruption of pay bargaining, coupled with long overdue changes in working arrangements, will give us a solid foundation on which to build up our business and improve the service to our 21m customers."

When they return to work today engineers will concentrate on repairing public telephones then deal with restoring faults.

It appeared last night, however, that union members in Merseyside were prepared to ignore the national vote and continue the dispute.

One of the biggest votes against the negotiated settlement came from the London North Central branch.

More than 2,000 of them gave their local leaders a standing ovation when it was announced they had voted by 1,597 to 200 for continuing the strike.

The men who had demanded a 10 per cent "no strings" deal, unanimously passed a vote of no confidence in their general secretary, Mr. John Golding and his negotiating team.

In spite of the accusations against him, Mr. Golding is confident that his reputation for being able to judge the mood of his members remains intact after the union's first national strike in its 110-year history.

The executive of the union's clerical group, which represents about 33,000 workers, has recommended acceptance of a 10.97 per cent pay deal.

## Bishop warns of Rome alliance

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Bishop of London, Dr. Graham Leonard, is prepared to enter talks with the Roman Catholic church or the Orthodox church if the Church of England is determined to ordain women as priests.

He said yesterday he has turned against dividing the Church of England into two parts: one with women priests and one so-called "continuing Church of England" without them.

If the General Synod in two weeks decides to proceed towards ordaining women, he expects to lead a group of Anglicans in talks with other episcopal churches, with a view to entering full Communion with them.

Rome is the most likely, and would probably be the preferred choice of other senior churchmen, who share Dr. Leonard's total opposition to the ordination of women in the Church of England.

Dr. Leonard, who is married with two children, said that from the Roman Catholic point of view there could be problems accepting married priests and bishops.

He said: "I am very doubtful about what are called continuing churches. I have never had any plans to set up a continuing church or try to create a separate Church of England."

Dr. Leonard said he agreed with the report of the House of Bishops, which rejected the concept of two parallel jurisdictions, one with women priests and one without, inside the church.

The Bishops' report recognised that "those who could not remain would need to find other ways of continuing in existence, and will be entitled to explore such ways."

Dr. Leonard said: "That is a quite clear invitation. How I am going to respond to that I don't know, and that is absolutely truthful."

He issued a statement on Tuesday which referred to "definite actions" if the General Synod was seen to be moving inexorably towards women priests.

## Hooded intruder found at Kensington Palace

Two policemen were attacked with a hammer by an intruder in the grounds of Kensington Palace early yesterday.

The man, wearing a black hood, with eye-slits, was discovered at 1am by the garden wall, Scotland Yard said last night.

An officer from the Royal and Diplomatic Protection

Squad challenged the man who threatened him with a hammer. Another officer arrived and a struggle broke out.

An unemployed man, aged 27, from Berkshire was expected to appear today at Horseferry Road Magistrates Court, in Westminster, charged with assault, attempted burglary and possession of implements for burglary.

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## NEWS SUMMARY

## Labour MPs attack Harrods

More than 60 Labour MPs have signed a Commons motion condemning Harrods for the treatment of its 4,000 employees - and last night the London store faced the possibility of industrial action.

The Commons motion accused Harrods management of imposing a wage settlement without agreement, failing to keep promises to improve sick pay and pensions, and attempting to increase working hours and cut overtime payments.

But the store denied this. It said new working times came into force after employees had been consulted and agreed. It was only then that the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers' 700 members and a majority voted to take industrial action over the opening hours, the store said.

## £1m drug swoop

Six men were arrested after police and customs officers swooped on an international drug ring in Leicester and seized seven kilos of heroin worth £1 million.

Homes and businesses were searched on Tuesday night in raids codenamed "Operation Hat" that came after weeks of intelligence work. One of the six men was later released, but more arrests are expected.

Police said they believed it was a significant seizure and had broken up a major international drug-smuggling operation.

## Pay deal for dons

The national executive of the main university lecturers' union has voted "reluctantly" to recommend acceptance of a 24 per cent pay increase spread over three years.

A special council meeting of the Association of University Teachers will now convene on February 21 to make a final decision on the offer.

A "yes" vote is expected, but the association said last night that it was by no means a foregone conclusion and if the offer was rejected, industrial action would have to be discussed.

## Military manoeuvres

The Ministry of Defence is considering privatizing the academic teaching facility at Sandhurst, the Royal Military Academy, in a continuing exercise to cut costs (Our Whitehall Correspondent writes).

There are 40 academics who teach war studies, international affairs and communications and, although the privatization scheme is at an early stage, it is possible that bids for competitive tender could be put out in about two years.

## Working peerage

Mr John Mortimer, the barrister playwright, is expected to be included in a list of new working peers to be announced by the Prime Minister tonight.

Mr Mortimer is likely to be one of five new Labour peers, who will be balanced by six new Conservative peers.

Mr Jim Mortimer, former Labour Party general secretary (right), Mr David Bassett, former TUC chairman, and Mr Alexander Irvine, QC, the industrial relations law expert, are also expected to be included.



## Damages for doctors

Mr Patrick Steptoe and Professor Robert Edwards, the pioneers in the development of test-tube babies, won undisclosed damages and a public apology in the High Court yesterday over a newspaper's suggestion that they had selfishly kept the breakthrough to themselves.

An article in *Today* under the headline "Jealousy and rivalry rumble beneath the plumed world of baby-makers", reported that after the birth of the world's first test-tube baby, Louise Brown, the two men had been slow in publishing their research.

The allegation, which had already been the subject of successful libel proceedings against the BBC, was entirely untrue, the court was told.

## A princely trial of architects

By Charles Kneivitt  
Architecture Correspondent

"London thou art the flower of cities all," William Dunbar said - but not any more, according to The Londoners' Society.

It is organizing a public debate at the Royal Academy in May which will be attended by the Prince of Wales. Architects will be asked to defend themselves as designers and protectors of the environment.

The Prince has agreed to open the debate on the motion: "This house believes that architecture is too important to be left to architects."

Lady Wynne-Jones, chairman of the Londoners' Society, hopes that many leading architects will take part.

The Londoners' Society is campaigning for architecture on a human scale, "vigorous" public participation in choosing designs and to create and preserve an historic centre in London. An annual award will be given for the best modern building in the capital.

It plans to start the Ugly Buildings Removal Fund for the most hated buildings in London and competitions, awards and scholarships to promote architectural Renaissance - a subject close to the Prince's heart.

"We believe that there is a growing concern among Londoners about the style of some contemporary architecture," Lady Wynne-Jones said. "Architecture is a very public trade - it seldom rises to great art. We are not against modern architecture because it is modern, only when it is overbearing and ill-placed."

Three years ago the Prince entered the architectural debate, when he described the proposed extension to the National Gallery as a "monstrous carbuncle" and a proposed office block for the City as "a giant glass stump".

## Parties try to ignore survey

By Our Political Editor

Labour and Conservatives yesterday attempted to shrug off the BBC *Newsnight* survey which had shown Labour's vote falling and the Alliance moving into a clear second place in the Greenwich by-election.

But a second survey published yesterday, based on a larger sample of local residents, confirmed both trends.

Mr John Antcliffe, the Conservative candidate, whose campaign could founder if Conservative supporters accept that the SDP's Mrs Rosie Barnes is the best hope of beating Labour and switch their votes tactically, said that the *Newsnight* poll's findings could have resulted from fewer than 15 people changing their minds.

He predicted a close result with no more than 200 votes between him and Labour's Mrs Deirdre Wood.

For Labour, Mr Frank Dobson, the candidate's "minder" and chairman of the London group of Labour MPs, said they believed that "quite a lot" of Tory support would stay solid and that the setback in the Labour vote was only to be expected after the left-wing Mrs Wood had been "slagged off abominably" by the newspapers.

At a Labour Party meeting at Westminster yesterday Mr Joe Ashton, the MP for Bassetlaw, criticized the *Newsnight* poll, saying that it had been conducted by inexperienced students, and suggested that the party leadership should complain to the BBC.

The further survey on the Greenwich contest was produced yesterday by a team of politics students from Drew University in the USA.

It measured party support at 44.5 per cent for Labour, SDP/Alliance 25.4 per cent, Conservatives 28.6 per cent, others 1.5 per cent, excluding 7 per cent of refusals and reassigning the 10 per cent Don't Knows to their stated party preference.

The Drew team also questioned respondents on whether they would consider switching their vote tactically if their original first choice did not seem able to win.

Of the 20 per cent who said they might vote tactically, 86.9 per cent of Conservatives

## Huge tax frauds funding Ulster killers

By Richard Ford

Millions of pounds of public money have been used to finance terrorist activities in Northern Ireland as a result of widespread building site frauds, a judge said yesterday.

"Loyalist" and republican gangs have divided up the province's building sites and extensive tax swindles have provided the terrorists with their most important source of revenue during the past decade, Mr Justice Nicholson told Belfast Crown Court.

He said that most of the housing estates that had been built in Belfast and other parts of the North in recent years had been erected under the control of paramilitary organizations.

By carving up areas to operate the frauds, terrorist groups such as the Provisional IRA, Irish National Liberation Army, Ulster Volunteer Force and Ulster Defence Association have avoided conflict with each other and arranged for their own sympathizers and members to work on particular sites.

The judge criticized government agencies which he said must have known about the fraud, when he jailed two men who had helped to provide the INLA with £200,000.

He accused the Northern Ireland Housing Executive of "turning a blind eye".

The frauds centre on the use of tax exemption certificates and vouchers which were introduced by the Inland Revenue in 1977. Main contractors paid 100 per cent for work carried out, but instead of handing over the 30 per cent due in tax, almost all of this had been going to terrorist groups which controlled work-

ers on the building site.

Mr Justice Nicholson said: "The scheme has enabled terrorist organizations to buy guns in order to kill and to buy explosives in order to destroy large parts of Northern Ireland."

Earlier he had jailed Francis Duffy, aged 33, and Bernard McKeaveney, aged 34, both from Belfast, for two years each after they admitted conspiracy to cheat the Inland Revenue, false accounting and handling stolen goods. John McKiernan, aged 41, formerly of Belfast but now living in

Southampton, admitted handling stolen goods and was fined £1,000.

Duffy and McKeaveney had set up a building firm and while working in west Belfast, had been approached by the INLA and told their tax exemption certificates were to be used for the terrorist group.

The pair got a cut of between £500-£700, but INLA received £200,000.

Last night the Northern Ireland Housing Executive said it had taken an early lead in getting attention focused on racketeering on building sites.

## Zircon writs came too late

By Michael Evans  
Whitehall Correspondent

The private bid to serve writs against the journalist Mr Duncan Campbell and others involved in showing the banned BBC film about the Zircon spy satellite continued yesterday although the first attempt failed.

Mr Norris McWhirter, chairman of the Freedom Association, applied yesterday to Sir Patrick Mayne, the Solicitor-General, to vary the injunction so that the writs could be served to stop the film being shown again.

The writs issued by the High Court alleging breach of the Official Secrets Act on Tuesday came too late to prevent the showing of the BBC film at Conway Hall in central London.

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## Grand Duke plays to a full House

By Robin Young

The Duke of York transformed the House of Lords yesterday. In place of the ample acreage of empty benches that attend the average day's business, the place was full with the exception of the front benches, where there would usually be at least a token presence.

Those had been cleared and the backbenches filled with the first 450 peers to bag places for the Duke's inauguration as a member of the House. It is likely to have cost, by quick estimation, not less than £10,000 in attendance allowances.

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## £4m bribery racket at British Coal 'lasted years'

By Craig Seton

Corruption on a "massive scale" involving British Coal officials who were bribed to give special treatment over contracts and payments worth more than £4 million, went unchecked for years in one of Britain's biggest coalfields, Nottingham Crown Court was told yesterday.

At the centre of the racket was a businessman known as "the bank manager" because of his willingness to offer thousands of pounds in bribes to British Coal inspectors to get preferential treatment. Mr Scott Baker, QC, for the prosecution, said.

Eight men have admitted charges involving either corruption or deception or both. Mr Baker said that the corruption and dishonesty were over claims for compensation payments for subsidence to property in the North Nottinghamshire coalfield caused by underground mine workings, and contracts given to companies to repair fissures caused by mining.

Although work was claimed for and money was paid by British Coal, it was either not done or the claim was grossly inflated.

The racket was uncovered by a special audit investigation after questions about the massive rise in subsidence claims. There were 2,



## Humorous exchanges in court enliven case right to the end

# Cynthia Payne is cleared by jury

By Philip Jacobson

Cynthia Payne's thirteenth day in court began with a frolic for the press and ended with a slightly grim smile as she was acquitted of nine charges of controlling prostitutes for gain.

The celebrated party-giver of 32 Ambleside Avenue, Stratford, south-west London, had looked more than a little nervous when the jury of eight men and four women filed back after deliberating for just over five hours.

Perfectly coiffed, as ever, wearing her best black twin set with a string of pearls ("real ones dear"), she sat impassively while one not guilty verdict followed another from the blue-sweated foreman.

By the time Judge Pryor QC had agreed to award her costs, Mrs Payne - alias Madame Cyn - was looking as chipper as she had before yesterday's hearings began, when she greeted photographers and the TV cameras outside the Inner London Crown Court with a laughing Policeman toy.

In keeping with the flavour of a trial that has considerably brightened recent short, dark days, Mrs Payne wore the string that made it guffaw and nod its helmet.

"I'm thinking of calling him Mr White," she announced innocently, confident we knew that was the name of one of the senior officers closely involved in her trial.

Not for the first time by any means in this steamy trial, scruffy, court number six was bursting at the seams before the hearing got under way.

The rear press corps, bolstered by TV teams from the BBC, ITN, Australia and the US, was threatening to infringe on to the probation officers' bench.

Regular spectators who have sat, often stolidly, through countless thousands of words of explicit evidence about the sexual high-jinks that took place at Mrs Payne's immensely popular gatherings were there with their bulging carrier bags.

One also observed the immaculately suited Inspector Colin White (who sportingly conceded that Mrs Payne's antics with the doll had been quite amusing) and other members of the police team that had converged, some in the guise of "punters", upon Ambleside Avenue.

When the diminutive Mrs Payne had settled, barely visible behind the dock, the judge sent the jury on their way with another courteous reminder that for all its entertainment value, it was a criminal case that they were going to be considering.

In this, as in everything that had gone before, Judge Pryor displayed a brisk and precise handling of proceedings.

His wit, too, has often enlivened the business at hand. When Mrs Payne's youthful counsel, Mr David Spens, once got rather carried away in comparing his client's innocent invitations to her parties with his inviting a few friends over to play polo on the pitch behind his house, the judge observed gently: "In this



Mrs Payne heading for court with an overnight bag, and then all smiles with supporters when it proved unnecessary (Photographs: Chris Harris).

## Ambleside Avenue sex parties get green light

By David Cross

Before her jail sentence in 1980 for keeping a disorderly house and controlling prostitutes, Mrs Cynthia Payne announced to the world that she was quitting the business.

When she stepped out of Holloway prison after her sentence was reduced on appeal to six months, she appeared as good as her word, joining the lecture circuit alongside such other British institutions as Dame Vera Lynn and Dame Anna Neagle.

But it was not long before she was conceding that respectability and retirement behind the lace curtains were not her cup of tea.

"It's all very tempting," she said wistfully of her life as Britain's best-known purveyor of suburban sex. "But I'd be mad to start again in England."

I'm a marked woman. If they ever caught me again, they'd lock me up and throw away the key."

But yesterday, when she was cleared of nine charges of controlling prostitutes, her worst fears proved to be unfounded. She will now be able to return to 32 Ambleside Avenue and presumably resume her party-throwing activities safe in the knowledge that she is not breaking the law of the land.

During her trial, Mrs Payne made no secret of the sexual romps which went on in her home. When vice squad officers raided one of her parties last May, after infiltration by two undercover agents, they discovered scantily clad women in revealing, and in some cases non-existent, underwear, and middle-aged businessmen caught literally

with their trousers down. Admission was alleged by the prosecution to have been £30, plus extras for the services of one of the young ladies, and there were queues on the stairway as clients waited for a spare bedroom. To cope with the overcrowding indoors, there was even a divan in the back garden, discreetly hidden behind shrubbery for all fresco frolics.

The entrance fee was said to have paid for drink, a floor show, X-rated films and, inconspicuously, eggs on toast in the kitchen. While the delights said to have been provided by the girls, chores were carried out by so-called slaves.

During the trial, her defence counsel described Mrs Payne as a glorified social worker helping clients overcome sexual frustrations. Complaints from neighbours about goings-on in Ambleside Avenue were mounting and could no longer be ignored.

Supt Iain Davidson, head of Scotland Yard's Obscene Publications and Morals branch, said: "The public and some police were asking when was something going to be done about it. We had to act."

They did, under the code-name Operation Perch, in February 1985. The problem was, however, finding a way behind the lace curtains to find out what was really going on.

Attendance at parties was by invitation only and Mrs Payne was very particular about her guests. The solution was to plant PC Stuart Taylor, an undercover agent posing as Peter Torrington, a fictional former client who claimed he had spent the past five years in Egypt.

The police went to considerable lengths to convince Mrs Payne of his bona fides, flying in Egyptian airmail paper and sending it back for posting. The reply took four months to arrive.

Meanwhile, PC Jack Jones, a second undercover agent, was transformed into Harry Jones, a bi-sexual hotelier from Wales.

The disguises of both officers were extremely elaborate. Taylor wore a spectacular "Egyptian" sunhat, and had his hair and beard professionally dyed. Jones put on rouge, lipstick, eye shadow and medallions.

Three of Mrs Payne's parties were infiltrated, then the vice squad swooped, racing through the house and bursting into bedrooms as party-goers struggled to adjust their dress.

alleged theft of a Ford Cortina, is unlikely to make the headlines.

It only remained for the senior policemen involved in the prosecution to accept the outcome with philosophical disappointment ("it was always going to be hard to get a result" one observed) and for Mrs Payne to be hustled from the premises by two burly representatives of *The Star*

newspaper; it has bought the rights to her story for an estimated £15,000.

Surrounded by a jostling shouting mob of rival journalists, she looked more worried than at any stage during the case.

But as she liked to remind reporters in court, we will soon be able to see the film of the book of the true story of Madame Cyn.

Even when police showed

## Teenagers satisfied with sex education

By Mark Dowd  
Education Reporter

Teenagers are well informed about contraception, pregnancy and venereal disease, according to the most comprehensive survey of sex education for more than 10 years.

It also shows that they are more likely than ever to have seen pornographic video films.

Today's youth express considerable satisfaction with sex education in comparison with the previous generation. Eight out of 10 teenagers said their lessons in school had been helpful in learning about sex, whereas parents had a low opinion of their own instruction.

A team commissioned by the Policy Studies Institute interviewed 209 teenagers and 212 parents in three English cities and compared their findings with a nationwide survey carried out in 1974.

During the 13-year period, the percentage reporting education on homosexuality rose from 26 to 51 per cent and on abortion from 37 to 74 per cent; 98 per cent of children aged 16 said they had had lessons on human reproduction compared with 82 per cent in 1974.

Visual aids are also being employed more to instruct pupils about childbirth: 70 per cent having seen a film on the subject compared with 27 per cent in 1974 - although at least one girl aged 14 said the gory details had put her off being a mother.

Almost half (42 per cent) of the 14-16 year-olds questioned said they had seen a video recording of an explicitly sexual kind.

The author of the report, Mrs Isobel Allen, said yesterday that the figure was probably higher but children were reluctant to admit it.

*Education in Sex and Personal Relationships* by Isobel Allen. (Policy Studies Institute, 100 Park Village East, London NW1 3SR. £7.95).

## Portfolio - Gold - Breakfast bonus for winner

It was fortunate for Mr Ronald Ellis, of Cavalier Road, Old Basing, Hampshire, that yesterday was not one of his "disruptive" days or he might not have been checking the Portfolio card which won him a quarter share in the daily dividend of £4,000.

Mr Ellis, aged 51, a Ministry of Defence scientist working at Aldermaston, said: "I have been following Portfolio ever since it started but actually I don't always check because I have a disruptive life - I travel about a bit". This time, though, he looked up the numbers at breakfast time - "it's usually the first thing I do when I get my newspaper".

Mr Ellis, who is married with two daughters, is going to find the money particularly useful this year: his elder daughter, Jennifer, is getting married on June 6.

The other three winners are Mrs A. Reynolds, of Gawcott, Buckinghamshire, Mr H. R. Gilbert, of Pethon, Chester-le-Street, and a reader living in Kensington, London. Each of the four receives £1,000.

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## Chimney nest led to death

A woman died from carbon monoxide poisoning because her chimney was blocked by a bird's nest, an inquest at Cirencester was told yesterday.

Mrs Renita Moore, aged 25, of Fairford, Gloucestershire, suffocated after falling asleep in front of her gas fire. Workmen later removed three buckets full of nesting material from the top of the chimney.

## Video caught 'rioter'

A Liverpool football supporter accused of manslaughter after the Heysel stadium riots was captured on video film throwing missiles during the charges against Italian supporters, it was alleged in court yesterday.

At first Anthony Hogan, aged 23, of Norwood Way, Liverpool, told police he had not been involved in the rioting which ended in the deaths of 39 people at the Brussels stadium two years ago.

Even when police showed him a video film and photographs identifying him, he still claimed it was a case of mistaken identity. But later he admitted it was him but said he could not remember being in the charge. Det Insp George Durno said at Highbury Magistrates' Court, north London.

He was speaking on the seventh day of extradition proceedings by Belgian authorities against Mr Hogan and 25 other Liverpool fans.

The case continues.

## Praise for housing in North

People living in the north of England are more satisfied with their housing than those living in Greater London, who are the most dissatisfied (Christopher Warman writes).

A survey into people's attitudes carried out for the Building Societies Association showed that in the northern region 95 per cent were satisfied, whereas in Greater London the figure was 82 per cent, the lowest. Overall 88 per cent of those questioned were very, or quite, satisfied with their housing, and only 5 per cent were not.

The survey was carried out last year among 2,455 adults by the British Market Research Bureau, which had undertaken a similar exercise in 1975. Then the degree of dissatisfaction was 11 per cent.

The main reason given for dissatisfaction, prompted by the researchers, was that the house needed repairs (53 per cent).

Spontaneous reasons for dissatisfaction were that the council would not, or took too long, to do repairs (21 per cent).

## Heart disease prevention

# GPs should check on family

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

People with a family history of heart disease should be screened for the illness by their family doctor, heart specialists said yesterday.

In a report on coronary disease prevention, which has the support of Mrs Edwina Currie, the junior health minister, the British Cardiac Society also recommended that hospital departments should routinely test blood cholesterol levels in patients under 50. In older patients it was likely preventive measures would be too late.

The report, by a working party led by Professor Michael Oliver, head of cardiology at Edinburgh University, supports recommendations of the Coma (committee on medical aspects of food policy) report three years ago, which called for reductions in saturated fats and salt and an increase in fibre in the average diet.

It also supports the elimination of cigarette smoking and an increase in regular exercise.

Professor Oliver said that more than half the factors associated with heart disease could be explained by bad lifestyle but the remainder

The British Dental Association warned the Government yesterday that people can no longer afford regular dental care.

Dental charges have risen much faster than inflation, and the average patient now pays more than £18 for a course of treatment, the association said.

The association said 92 per cent of professional people retained at least some of their own teeth compared with 56 per cent of unskilled manual workers. While 69 per cent of professionals saw their dentist regularly, only 29 per cent of unskilled manual workers did so.

It said: "If the Government shares our view, it must make services available at a price people can pay."

The association was responding to the consultation document on the future of community health care.

were thought to be related to genetic and familial factors. Prevention should be primarily targeted at families at high risk, he said. "We

believe screening the entire population is both uneconomical (costing an estimated £100 million) and impractical. But we recommend that GPs should test all patients on their list with a family history of coronary heart disease."

Professor Oliver said that they should test siblings, parents and children of patients with heart disease for high blood pressure and high blood cholesterol, both associated with increased risk of heart disease. All patients should have their blood pressure recorded every five years.

The report says that more than 100,000 men and 78,000 women die of heart disease every year, a third of all male deaths and a quarter of female.

It urges the Government to provide more funds for research and calls for an overall programme, with more effective health education, to prevent heart disease.

*Report of the British Cardiac Society Working Group on Coronary Disease Prevention* (British Cardiac Society, 7 St Andrew's Place, London NW1 6JL).

## Vicar's lover offers to leave to save his job

A woman whose affair with a Church of England vicar has led to his suspension said yesterday she would give him up rather than see him removed from the ministry.

Mrs Elizabeth Stewart, aged 49, met the Rev James Taylor, aged 58, of St Bartholomews at Thornley, Co Durham, while he was breaking her son Eddie's addiction to hard drugs.

Mr Taylor has now been suspended from his post after his wife divorced him.

Mrs Stewart said: "I will give him up if it means him getting his job back though I love him very much."

His case has been referred to the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood.

Mr Taylor, who was born in Northern Ireland, moved to Thornley 18 months ago from his previous parish of St John's, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, after he and his former wife, Muriel, split up.

He emphasized he had fallen in love with Mrs Stewart within the past year but this had no bearing on the break up of his marriage which ended in divorce in January. Now he hopes to marry Mrs Stewart.

Already 600 villagers have signed a petition asking for him to be allowed to stay.

Mr Taylor said: "The church has its laws and must act accordingly. I will be deeply saddened if I lose my ministry but if that is the price I have to pay, then I must accept it."

## Vangelis shows judge his way of composing

The Greek composer, Vangelis, gave a rare public performance of some of his music at the High Court yesterday. He told Mr Justice Whitford he had never been very happy about performing.

Vangelis, who is contesting a claim that he copied his Oscar-winning theme tune, *Chariots of Fire*, from another musician, Stavros Logarides, showed the judge, how he sets about composing.

He explained that he could neither read nor write music and composed all his tunes on a keyboard. "I just think of a tune and it comes immediately. I don't try hard, it just comes. It's quite boring, actually," he added.

He told the judge that when he was asked to compose the theme music for the film he was given a video cassette which he kept in his studio.

EMI Music Publishing Ltd, who publish Mr Logarides's

music, is seeking an injunction banning Vangelis and three publishers from breaching copyright and a court order requiring them to hand over all records and sheet music of *Chariots of Fire* in their possession.

Vangelis, of Queensgate, South Kensington, London, who is being sued under his real name of Evangelos Papathanasiou, and the publisher, Spheric BV, of Amsterdam, Warner Bros Music Inc, of California, and the London-based Warner Bros Music Ltd, all deny infringing copyright.

Vangelis, aged 43, said it was "nonsense" to suggest that the reason he did not go personally to collect his Oscar was that he was ashamed to go because he had copied the tune. The reason was that he felt "uncomfortable" at those sort of occasions.

The hearing continues.

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PARLIAMENT

## Police are to destroy prints

Photographs and fingerprints have been taken of all those charged with recordable offences in the relation to the Wapping dispute, Mr Douglas Hogg, Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, said in a Commons written reply.

## Complaints received

Twelve complaints had so far been received about the police action outside the News International plant at Wapping, east London, on January 24, Mr Douglas Hogg, Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, said in a Commons written reply.

[On that Saturday night there was a mass demonstration at Wapping to mark the anniversary of the move of *The Times*, *The Sunday Times*, *The Sun* and the *News of the World* to the new plant.]

## CID presence at demo

Four plainclothes police officers were on duty in the vicinity of the News International plant at Wapping on the night of the big demonstration on January 24, Mr Douglas Hogg, Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, said in a Commons written reply.

## A question of numbers

Does the fact that Scotland has more MPs than England mean that this higher public expenditure resulted in more prosperity north of the border or less? That question was posed by Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop (Tiverton, C) during question time to the Scottish Office, Mr Ian Lang, Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, emphasized in reply that productivity on the Conservative benches was very much greater than elsewhere in the House.

## Armed police

Three police forces in England and Wales operate a system of armed response patrol cars, according to a Home Office reply.

## Tactical voting campaign

By Nicholas Wood  
Political Reporter

A 40-strong group united in opposition to Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday launched a campaign to spoil her hopes of winning a third term of office by urging the public to vote tactically at the next election.

The group, known as TV '87, dominated by Alliance Party supporters and backed by an initial budget of £35,000 from individual donations, released a list of 100 marginal seats where, it said, electors could combine to oust the sitting Tory MP.

Mr Paul Ekins, a member of the Green Party and an economist, one of the three founder members, said the group was seeking a "one nation government" and a Parliament more representative of the country as a whole.

Speaking at a Westminster press conference, he said: "We feel that the present Government has been unacceptably divisive over its years in power and that we have the most unrepresentative Parliament since the war."

"We will be advising people to vote against Conservative candidates in those marginal constituencies where there is a Conservative candidate who can be unseated with a tactical vote."

Mr Ekins said the group had not agreed preference as to the nature of the administration that should replace Mrs Thatcher's government, although the electoral arithmetic pointed to a Labour/Alliance coalition.

A Labour government would be preferable to the continuation of the present Government, which was bitterly attacked for its "arrogance and ruthless exercise of power" by other members of the platform.

Other speakers included Professor Rodney Hogg, an economic historian and Labour Party member, Nina Fishman, a lecturer in industrial relations and Labour Party member, Sir Roy Shaw, former director-general of the Arts Council, who described himself as politically uncommitted, and Mr Gerald Priestland, the writer and broadcaster, who said he would prefer to vote Alliance.

Mr Ekins conceded that the campaign, which plans to distribute leaflets in constituencies during the election campaign, could encounter legal problems in meeting the requirements of the Representation of the People Act.

# BBC search warrant pressure is denied

## SCOTLAND

There had been no pressure by the Prime Minister's office, nor by any other Government office, about the search warrant used by the police in their search of BBC offices in Glasgow, Mr Peter Fraser, Solicitor General for Scotland, said during question time.

Questioning was opened by Mr Alexander Pollock (Moray, C) asking the Solicitor General for Scotland whether he had any plans to review the resources available to the Procurator Fiscal service.

Mr Peter Fraser, replied that the resources of the Procurator Fiscal service had recently been reviewed. Subject to parliamentary approval, the 1986-87 cash limit for vote 20 would be increased by £180,000 to £1,579,000 and for vote 21 would be increased by £150,000 to £2,350,000.

Mr Pollock, in view of current pressures on the Procurator Fiscal service in Glasgow, was it necessary for the Procurator Fiscal to be involved in a search warrant for the search of BBC offices in Glasgow?

Mr Fraser: It is in accordance with appropriate and accepted practice and procedure in Scotland for the police to make a request to the Procurator Fiscal to make application on their behalf to the Sheriff.

In deciding whether it is proper to present such a petition, the Procurator Fiscal had to be satisfied of the legal justification for the application. In that regard he would consider the information to be sworn by the police and the known attitude of the BBC to the requirement of the legal process. He sought to ensure that the warrant was sufficient to meet its purpose and did not go beyond what was required.

I hope that Mr Pollock, with his legal experience, will recognize that the course followed there, and the relationship between the police and the Procurator Fiscal was appropriate in the circumstances.

Mr Tam Dalyell: Is Professor Bradbury right or wrong? Conservative MPs: Wrong! Mr Dalyell: If he is wrong no one has said whether he is wrong in suggesting that the Procurator Fiscal and the Lord Advocate,

in the mode and style of the investigation, had to take into account the interests and feelings of the victim.

In this case the major victim was the Foreign Office. When did the Crown Office first approach or talk to the Foreign Office or the Foreign Office first approach or talk to the Crown Office?

Mr Fraser: In no circumstances and at no time did the Crown Office talk to the Foreign Office. Although I studied under Professor Bradley, I do not consider that his statement of the law as stated in *The Independent* today, was wholly accurate.

I do not dissent in any way from what he said about the consideration of the public interest, once such a consideration of prosecution is reached. However, I do not agree, and the Lord Advocate would not agree, that it would be his practice to consult any other minister when dealing with applications for search warrants in the course of criminal investigations.

Sir Alex Fletcher (Edinburgh Central, C): In considering the resources in Glasgow, is the Solicitor General still satisfied that the attitude of the BBC at the highest level was such that the police had no alternative but to obtain a search warrant and raid the Glasgow premises?

Can he assure the House that every reasonable possibility was covered by the police before this drastic action was taken?

Mr Fraser: The BBC was within its legal rights to insist that if there were to be any action taken against them about material held by them, they should have the due legal processes carried through.

As was indicated by Mr Pollock, one factor at the time the application was considered by the Procurator Fiscal was that at senior level the BBC took the view that due legal processes should be followed.

Clearly, if they were to insist on that, it excluded the possibility that without the necessity for a search warrant, such material could be handed over to the investigating authorities.

Mr James Wallace (Orkney and Shetland, L): It is said by some people that the showing of the Zircon film in Edinburgh and Glasgow last week could put those seeing it in breach of the Official Secrets Act. Are the resources of the



Mr Fraser being pursued by Mr Dalyell over the alleged role of the Foreign Office.

Procurator Fiscal sufficient to deal with such a vast number of cases. If the film endangers national security — and Mr Fraser said it did — the Leader of the Opposition (Mr Kinnock) thought that — why did the Government not take out an interim interdict against the showing?

Mr Fraser: The article in the *New Statesman* put it into the public domain. The interdict was limited thereby. I have no responsibility for the view of the Leader of the Opposition, and even less for the disagreement between him and his backbenchers.

Mr William Walker (North Tyneside, C): When he looks at the resources of the Procurator Fiscal, is he satisfied that they are sufficient to recruit individuals of the highest calibre so that we have the best people prosecuting and that when we prosecute the BBC and others,

we make the charges stick (protests and laughter)? Mr Fraser: I am under the temptation to answer the last point, but I am encouraged that there is some agreement to increase resources.

Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposition spokesman on Scotland, asked the Solicitor General to confirm that at no time had there been any consultation about the application for a warrant, its drawing up, or terms of service with any ministers outside the Law Officers.

Mr Fraser: I confirm yet again that in drawing up the warrant and the petition for the warrant, and in considering whether such applications should be made, and in arranging for the execution of the warrant, there was no pressure, and nothing done in relation to any other ministers, least of all, as some MPs seem to

think, Number 10 Downing Street, or any other office. Conservative MPs protested loudly, while Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab) unsuccessfully sought an emergency debate on the role of the law officers and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in relation to the police searches of the BBC.

Mr Dalyell, who apologized to the Speaker for not giving him full notice, said that the matter arose out of earlier questions to the Solicitor General. He was eventually called to the Chair to hand in the title of the debate he sought.

Mr Antony Marlow (Northampton North, C): He always gets away with it. It is a gross abuse. The Speaker: It is not an abuse. He has got as much right to raise an SO20 (an emergency debate) arising out of questions to which he has just received an answer as you have.

## Media role in jail riots criticized

### PRISONS

The role played by the media during disturbances in Scottish prisons was criticized by a Conservative MP during Commons question time.

Mr Michael Hirst (Strathkelvin and Bearsden, C) urged that the media should be asked to ensure that any future demonstrations were not covered by cameras, newspapers and radio people.

The unfortunate effect was to encourage such demonstrations to continue longer.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, said that all who were concerned with the public interest would wish to ensure that nothing was done to inflame or aggravate any delicate situation, particularly as individual prison officers might be affected.

Earlier he told Mr Hugh Brown (Glasgow, Prov., Lab) that he would give consideration to the inspector's report on the disturbance at Peterhead Prison being published.

The total design capacity of accommodation in Scottish penal establishments was 5,398 places and 395 cells were out of use as a result of the damage in recent incidents.

When phase two of Shotts Prison was brought into use this was a suggestion that places would become available.

Mr Barry Henderson (Fife North East, C) asked how much the Government had spent on capital expenditure in Scottish prisons.

Mr Rifkind said that the figure was £40 million since 1979. The opening of the new phase of Shotts Prison would mean a big improvement.

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## Paper mill welcomed

### AGRICULTURE

hame South, Lab) said that the decision by Caledonian Paper to build a paper mill in his constituency was an inward investment of £250 million and involving up to 1,500 jobs during construction and 900 permanent jobs dependent upon adequate supplies of timber from the public and private sector in Scotland.

Would the minister encourage the Forestry Commission to extend its activities in the relevant parts of Scotland to ensure continuation of these supplies?

Mr MacKay said that the importance of forestry in job terms was important. The plant at Irvine would require sitka spruce and another species of tree that the plant wanted, and it was because of that that the company was going there.

Mr Michael Forsyth (Stirling, C) said that while the scheme was generally to be welcomed, was the likely cost of £300,000 a job — a useful way of spending public money, especially when more jobs could be created with the same resources.

Mr MacKay said that many of the wishes of environmental and conservation groups. The committee set up in the Scottish Office to look into the interaction between wildlife and planting in north Scotland would help to find a reasonable solution to the interests of the countryside in that part of Scotland.

Mr John Home Robertson, an Opposition spokesman on agriculture, said it had been suggested that the proposals would be more attractive to people in the marginal areas and result in more afforestation in the Highlands. If it was hoped to curtail surplus agricultural produce and protect the rural environment, why should either the Forestry Commission or the private sector be prepared to increase tree planting on the low ground?

Mr MacKay said one way was through the decisions announced by his department some months ago which took a more realistic view of planting on land further down hill.

Mr William Walker (Tayside North, C) said that 100 square miles of forestry in his constituency contributed enormously to the local economy as had similar developments in other areas. Did not the welcome given to the proposals by the vice-president of the NFU in Scotland show that the Government was moving along the right lines?

Mr MacKay said the response of the Scottish NFU had been very positive to the statement in its warm welcome announcement. Members of the Opposition ought to be ceasing their words.

## Biffen effort to limit debate

### RATES

At the present rate of progress, a further 70 hours of committee time would be required to complete consideration of the Abolition of Domestic Rates Etc (Scotland) Bill, Mr John Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House, said in the Commons when proposing a timetable motion.

The motion would require the committee stage to be completed by February 19 and for the report and third reading stages to be completed within a week thereafter.

The committee, he said, had so far taken 101 hours to complete consideration of only 20 clauses of the Bill, which abolishes rates north of the border and replaces them with a per capita tax. There had been four sittings on clause 1 on the abolition of domestic rates and one sitting on the community charge proposals.

There were a further 14 clauses still to be considered which would cover a further 70 hours. He believed the House would wish to consider the Bill more promptly.

"The motion would enable that to occur and allow the committee to complete its consideration at a measured pace."

The report and third reading stages would allow a further 14 hours of debate.

The Bill was recognized as a significant step in local government, both in Scotland and beyond, which would strengthen local accountability.

"The Bill has received extensive consideration to date and I am confident the committee consideration of the rest of the Bill will be no less effective than it has been so far. This motion will enable that consideration to go forward expeditiously."

Mr Peter Moore, chair, Opposition spokesman on Commons affairs, said that this was the tenth guillotine motion of the present Parliament and no fewer than five had been directed against local government.

That was evidence of the Government's open hostility to local democracy and of its determination to curb, curtail and confine local authorities by limiting expenditure and revenue and even abolish them altogether.

"This Bill takes another long stride towards the diminution of local democracy and increasing central government control."

There had been no convincing argument for introducing the guillotine at the present stage of a Bill which was a remarkable innovation. It had been described as a radical and fundamental reform. That was an understatement. It was a revolution, or rather a counter-revolution, in local government finance.

It deserved the closest scrutiny, particularly as its proposals to replace domestic rates had been rejected by the Government in 1984.

Mr Robert Maclean (Caithness and Sutherland, SDP) said that the Bill swept away the principal local source of revenue for local government which had existed in Scotland for more than 200 years.

It was of major constitutional importance and it was arguable that it should first have been considered by an all-party pre-legislative committee which could have taken evidence from those affected and those who would have to administer the new local taxation system.

Sir Hector Monro (Dumfries, C) said that anyone who had been in Parliament, even for only a short time, knew that an Opposition could easily bring about a guillotine.

Now, because the Opposition were so dilatory on the early part of the Bill, important issues coming up later were going to suffer.

## Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on Government motion on employment and training initiatives.

Lords (3): Pilotage Bill, report.

## COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

Traditionalists dislike tactical voting. They regard it in much the same light as bouncers in cricket: within the law, but against the spirit of the game. A first preference vote is considered morally superior to one cast simply to keep another candidate out.

But they both court the same. Indeed, a well judged tactical vote will often have more effect than one that comes straight from the heart. So how much credence should one give to the conventional wisdom that tactical voting will again play relatively little part in the general election?

The importance of tactical voting in by-elections is beyond dispute these days. With three parties in the race there is a persistent tendency for one of them to be squeezed as the voters come to appreciate that whoever is running third in that constituency has no serious chance.

## Second place for Alliance

We may be seeing that phenomenon developing once again in Greenwell. The latest BBC *Newsnight* poll shows the Alliance moving comfortably into second place.

But it is said, a general election is quite different. There is not the same concentration of publicity on a particular constituency. People vote locally, but they think nationally. So there is less inclination to vote tactically.

Even someone who is so inclined will often not be able to know which candidate to support. With so few individual constituency opinion polls in a general election it will frequently not be clear who is running second.

A new campaign launched at a press conference yesterday, Tactical Voting '87, aims to fill this gap in knowledge. It wants both to encourage more people to vote tactically in particular seats and to give them the information to do so.

But TV '87 should not be mistaken for a disinterested exercise in informing the public. It is a partisan campaign directed not so much in favour of any individual party though the Alliance would be the most likely to benefit — as against the Government.

This is a legitimate political operation, though the group will have to be careful not to fall foul of the law on election finance. But they should not use the specious argument, which was deployed yesterday, that Conservatives would have nothing to gain from tactical voting.

There is a significant section of the electorate which wobbles between the Conservatives and the Alliance. In a number of constituencies it would help the Conservatives to win those voters if it could be shown that the Alliance was running third and the real battle was between the Conservatives and Labour.

This does not interest TV '87 because that is not their political purpose. The campaign is based on the belief that Mrs Thatcher is able to remain in power only because the opposition is divided, and that the best way to get her out is to unite the anti-Thatcher majority in critical seats.

This proposition seems to me too simple by half. The effect of having a stronger third force in British politics is to divide not only the opposition to the Government but also the opposition to Labour.

It is therefore by no means easy to know what the precise consequences would be of widespread tactical voting in the general election.

I think it will be more widespread than in 1983. The concept has become much more familiar from the by-elections since then. More people will be talking about it.

## Easier to vote tactically

It should also be easier to vote tactically because it will be possible to calculate who is likely to be third from the result in each constituency last time, whereas that was often impossible in 1983 because of extensive boundary changes.

There will not be so much tactical voting as in by-elections because individual constituency opinion polls are still likely to be relatively rare. So there will not be the same stimulus now the same confidence as to where the astute tactical voter should put his cross.

But I expect there to be many more local variations in the coming election, which should caution all of us against interpreting the national opinion polls too blithely.

## FitzGerald makes Ulster agreement a major issue

### Irish election

By Richard Ford

The Anglo-Irish agreement is being pushed to the centre of the general election campaign in a last-ditch effort to damage the opposition leader, Mr Charles Haughey, on an issue where he is most distrusted.

It is a measure of how badly the campaign is going for Dr Garret FitzGerald that Fine Gael is raising the matter only three weeks after the prime minister claimed to hope it would not be an election issue.

No wonder Mr Haughey, aware that the north could harm his chances, accepted the prime minister's assertion with alacrity and has since hardly mentioned the topic.

But as the one big success of its term in office, Fine Gael is challenging Mr Haughey to clarify his party's position on an agreement which is widely backed in the south. Approval for the deal has little to do with its merits but more with a longing for the problem to remain just where it is — north of the border. The latest opinion poll showed that only 4 per cent regarded the north

as an election issue, but Fine Gael and the Progressive Democrats have launched vigorous attacks on the Fianna Fail position.

Mr Haughey's party opposed the agreement when it was voted on in the Dail, and since then he has promised to renegotiate it. The party refuses to accept the constitutional implications which it says purport to give sovereignty over part of the country to a British government.

Mr Haughey is opposed to the thrust within the agreement which seeks to devolve government within the province which he believes is a "failed political entity". However in the campaign he has given assurances not to renegotiate the agreement. The British Government believes Mr Haughey will take close personal interest in the workings of the Anglo-Irish conference and will seek greater results in the short term. But Mr Peter Barry, the joint chairman of the conference, has demanded

to know how Fianna Fail could implement an agreement which it has described as unconstitutional. He accused it of "behaving atrociously" and working openly against the national interests during the long negotiations leading to the signing ceremony and said Mr Haughey had demagogued and belittled its achievements in a way that caused serious concern to northern nationalists.

Meanwhile the two main party leaders spent yesterday and will spend today with their closest aides preparing for a live television confrontation tonight.

With a large number of "don't knows" the debate may take on greater significance with Dr FitzGerald attempting to defend his record and force his opponent into scoring an own goal, while Mr Haughey will want to attack the prime minister without giving much detail of his own programme.

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## Alliance warned over coalition preferences

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Alliance candidates have been warned not to disclose their preferences during the general election campaign for a deal with Conservative or Labour in the event of a hung Parliament.

In a letter to all 635 Alliance candidates the two leaders, Dr David Owen and Mr David Steel, attempted to stave off a damaging rift in the Alliance during the election campaign if Liberal candidates showed they would rather support Mr Kinnock while SDP candidate might prefer a pact with a minority Conservative government.

In the letter they said: "We shall not allow ourselves, nor should you, to express a preference between working with Labour or Tory MPs."

The two leaders advised candidates to avoid the temptation of setting out a detailed shopping list of demands or sticking points on entering into any coalition with the other parties.

"You will be repeatedly asked whether you want a Labour or Conservative government — Mr Kinnock or Mrs Thatcher as Prime Minister. The answer which we are giving is that we genuinely

believe that neither Mr Kinnock nor Mrs Thatcher, nor the parties they lead, can on their own either unite the country or provide good government."

The candidates are urged to go all out to get the maximum number of votes because, even if they do not win the seats, the size of the poll will strengthen the Alliance's hand in making a pact if there is a balanced Parliament.

The two Davids told them to plan for a May/June general election but also to pencil in July 18 for another mass rally if Mrs Thatcher decides to delay the campaign.

They set out what they would do if no party has an overall majority. The new Alliance MPs would meet on the Saturday after the election with the two leaders ready to act together in negotiation, reporting back to the MPs for a final decision on any agreement with another party.

"We recognize that the process of negotiation after the election will be hard. "We must all make it plain that Liberals and Social Democrats will be indivisible in all stages of the negotiations after the next election."

## Councils hit back at 'loony left' label

London's Labour boroughs yesterday launched a counter-attack against sections of the national press which dubbed them the "loony left".

The Association of London Authorities published a pamphlet, *It's the way they tell 'em*, claiming many newspaper reports were "distortion, disinformation and downright lies."

Mrs Margaret Hodge, chairwoman of the association, launching the leaflet, said: "The lies and distortions that emerge in certain sections of the press are not only a vicious attack on local councils, they pave the way for the Government to impose more restrictive legislation."

The leaflet claims that stories such as the one about a left-wing council said to have ordered playground children to sing "Baa baa green sheep" to avoid racial discrimination were "sheer invention."

It says another story that Haringey council was banning black bin liners bags as "racially offensive" was "just not true" and a *Daily Mail* article claiming council staff had been banned from asking for "black" coffee was "pure fabrication."

Mr John MacKay, an Under-Secretary of State for Scotland, who said that he wished that view was shared by some Labour MPs.

He said it was important, against the background of surplus agricultural production, that all means of maintaining economic activity in rural life should be encouraged.

He was answering Mr John M. Taylor (Solihull, C) who had said that it was a virtue to plant woodland in less productive farmland or even to develop golf courses on it. That helped to sustain the rural character of the land and the habitat of wildlife.

Sir Hector Monro (Dumfries, C) said that the initiative by the Secretary of State for Scotland (Mr Malcolm Rifkind) and the Ministry of Agriculture to help to promote the rural economy was good news. "But if broadleaf planting is to be increased, as opposed to conifers, there must be an extra incentive. And if Scottish tourism is to be encouraged, we have to be careful about blanket conifer planting throughout scenic areas of Scotland."

Mr MacKay said that the policy statement of 1985, introducing a broad-leaf woodland green scheme had been welcomed and the Forestry Commission had been asked to look into the interaction between wildlife and planting in north Scotland would help to find a reasonable solution to the interests of the countryside in that part of Scotland.

Mr John Home Robertson, an Opposition spokesman on agriculture, said it had been suggested that the proposals would be more attractive to people in the marginal areas and result in more afforestation in the Highlands. If it was hoped to curtail surplus agricultural produce and protect the rural environment, why should either the Forestry Commission or the private sector be prepared to increase tree planting on the low ground?



## UK steps up its help for Mozambique in bid to cut reliance on Pretoria

From Paul Valley, Maputo

Britain is to increase its aid to Mozambique by almost 50 per cent as part of a programme to lessen the dependence upon South Africa of its black neighbours, it was announced in Maputo yesterday.

Mr Christopher Patten, the Overseas Development Minister, told reporters at the end of his week-long tour of Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mozambique, that Britain is prepared to make a substantial commitment to increase the independence of the black nations "in the geographic, economic and political front line, we want to develop a healthier economic balance".

Mr Patten rejected criticism from Mozambican journalists that there was a contradiction between Britain's policy of increased aid and its opposition to sanctions in South Africa. The Government had "condemned unequivocally the iniquitous apartheid system" and had taken "restrictive measures" to encourage South Africa to participate in a dialogue.

But Mr Patten laid greater emphasis on what he described as "positive measures". The most significant of these is a £10 million increase to £35 million in Britain's contribution to the

The British Government is also to increase its project aid in Mozambique by a further £5 million. Present expenditure is about £10.5 million, five times the British aid figure of 1982, Mr Patten said.

The number of Mozambican soldiers trained by the British Army in Zimbabwe is also to be doubled to improve security and defend railways against attacks by guerrillas of the South African-backed Mozambican National Resistance, the minister said. There are also to be increases in the number of Mozambican students trained in British universities and a Samora Machel Memorial Scholarship would be instituted at a leading British university.

The increases mark a further improvement between Britain and the Frelimo Government of Mozambique, which is still nominally Marxist. This tie was founded upon Britain's gratitude for the assistance of the late President

Machel in securing a peaceful settlement in Zimbabwe. But it was further fostered, Mr Patten said, by the country's attempt at economic reform along guidelines recommended by the International Monetary Fund.

Earlier in the week, Mr Patten announced in Harare a £10 million increase in British aid to Zimbabwe, most of which is allocated for specific projects but £2.5 million of which is to support the country's beleaguered balance of payments. At present Mr Robert Mugabe's Government has up to 12,000 troops in Mozambique, protecting oil pipelines and railways.

Mr Patten also spoke yesterday about the problem of the estimated four million people made homeless in the northern and central provinces by the "scorched earth" policies of the MNR guerrillas. An extra £1.5 million for emergency relief there had been announced earlier in the week, he said. Further funds might be available when more information on the scale of the problem in the north became available.

Mr Patten said that Britain is to raise the matter of EEC food aid to the area at the Community's food aid committee in Europe next week.



Demonstrators protesting against the rule of Ayatollah Khomeini outside the Iranian Consulate in Frankfurt yesterday.

## Khomeini reappears to call for victory

Ayatollah Khomeini made his first public speech for more than 12 weeks on the eve of the eighth anniversary of Iran's Islamic revolution and demanded "war until victory" against Iraq (Our Foreign Staff writes).

Television coverage of the speech, broadcast yesterday morning on Iranian television, came after rumours that the Ayatollah was in declining health. The 66-year-old patriarch looked pale and unsteady on his feet and his mouth barely moved as he delivered the speech, but his voice was reported strong and steady. Among the sea of people shown on the

television, monitored in Nicosia, were hundreds of volunteers about to be sent to the front in the war against Iraq.

As mass anniversary demonstrations were held throughout the country yesterday, Iran unleashed a new offensive inside northern Iraq, destroying an Iraqi radar station and killing 500 Iraqi troops, the Islamic Republic News Agency reported, quoting a military communiqué.

In Baghdad, Iraqi military authorities denied there had been an assault. They said there had been only limited clashes in the past three days, and that Iraqi

warplanes twice raided selected targets in Tehran and attacked nine other Iranian cities and Iranian military targets to mark the anniversary.

Iran said its forces had launched a new offensive, codenamed Fatah 4, and destroyed important radar facilities at the Kurdish city of Arbil in northern Iraq in a raid in which 500 Iraqis were killed.

Tehran radio quoted a military statement as saying that the radar installations at Arbil, 200 miles north of Baghdad, were used to direct Iraqi jets in their attacks on western Iran.

## Spanish students maintain pressure

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Spain's student leaders kept up the pressure yesterday in negotiations with Señor José Maravall, the Education Minister, despite his having taken another step towards their demands.

The Students' National Union organized a demonstration through the centre of Madrid, ending in front of the Education Ministry.

Student leaders, speaking on the second day of the three-day stoppage called at secondary schools in Spain, claim that it has been 90 per cent effective. The Ministry said it had affected half the country.

The dispute, which began in December, has become a battle of wills between Señor Maravall, aged 44, an Oxford-trained sociologist whose educational reform programme was one of the plus points at last June's general election, and the younger generation symbolized by the students' spokesman, Señor Juan Ramos, aged 22, a history undergraduate at Madrid University.

Señor Maravall went into yesterday's talks with a further concession agreeing to reform the present university entrance examination system, but student leaders rejected it as too theoretical and long-term.

## Botha's Navy hit by apartheid row

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The South African Navy was accused by the *Cape Times* yesterday of forbidding the training of white recruits by Coloured (mixed-race) instructors.

It is the second time in recent weeks that the Navy has been accused of pandering to racial prejudice, allegedly at the behest of President Botha's Government, under threat from extreme right-wing parties in the white general election on May 6.

Citing "well-placed naval sources", the newspaper reported that seven Coloured instructors at the SAS Saldanha naval base, some 70 miles north-west of Cape Town, had been transferred elsewhere after being told by an officer that black instructors could not train white recruits.

The seven men, along with six Indian instructors from the SAS Jalsena base in Durban, had been brought to SAS Saldanha to help train this month's intake of white conscripts, according to the report.

Under South African law, all white males must serve two years in the armed forces, which is followed by another 720 days of mandatory active reserve duty spread over 12 years. Recruits are also drawn from other race groups but, with the exception of Namibia, only on a voluntary basis.

Five of the Indian instructors, who are still helping with the induction and orientation of white recruits, will be reassigned once their charges begin basic training next week, the *Cape Times* said.

Commander Dirk Visser, a navy spokesman, refused to confirm or deny the paper's story and would say only that

it was "not naval policy to comment on inter-unit transfers or personnel placements".

The Navy had earlier been in the news over what has been dubbed "the affair of the separated Swans". The Swans - South African Women Attested for Naval Service - is a volunteer unit roughly equivalent to the WRNS, the Women's Royal Naval Service. This year's intake into the Swans included a number of Coloured and Indian women for the first time.

A few days later, however, it was announced, in a statement put out in the name of the Chief of the Navy, Vice-Admiral Glen Syndercombe, that owing to the "youth and vulnerability" of the Coloured and Indian recruits, it had been decided that they should be trained separately.

Mr Brian Goodall, the defence spokesman of the Liberal Progressive Federal Party (PFP), the official opposition in the white chamber of Parliament, commented: "Either the Navy has been forced to pander to white racial prejudice because of the forthcoming elections, or the Government is reversing its previous policy of trying to create a non-racial Navy".

Detainee anger: Revelations this week that tear gas had been used to quell disturbances by people being held without trial gave an insight into the anger brewing among detainees. Mr Coetsee, the Minister of Justice, told Parliament that detainees had attacked prison staff.

He said 1,456 detainees had been involved in "so-called hunger strikes" at 17 prisons since the declaration of the nation-wide emergency on June 12 of last year.

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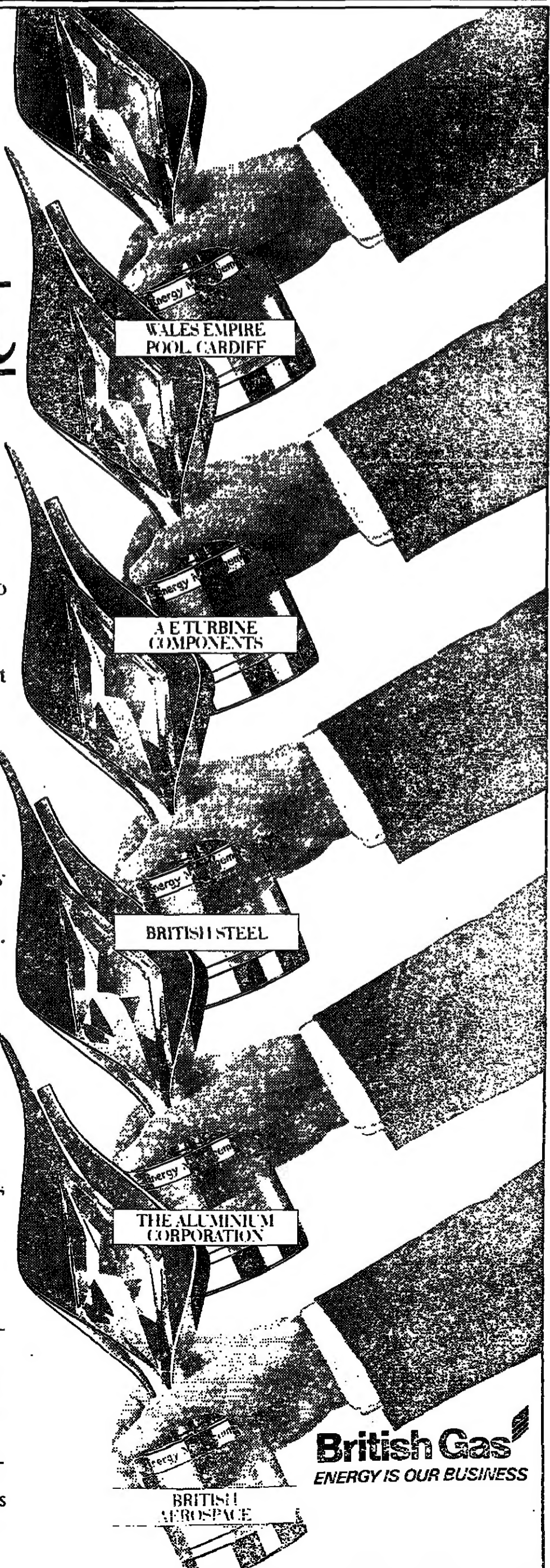
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## UK offers aid to Guatemala

From Alan Tomlinson, Guatemala City

Britain is to resume aid to Guatemala after nearly a quarter of a century of almost no relations between the two countries over the question of Guatemala's claim to Belize.

Lady Young, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, the first British minister to visit Guatemala since diplomatic relations were severed in



Lady Young: attempting to heal diplomatic rift.

1981, made the announcement at a meeting of European and Central American foreign ministers in Guatemala.

She took the opportunity of discussing the future of Britain's relations with Guatemala with her host, President Vinicio Cerezo, offering him a small aid programme consisting of technical and university scholarships. Britain recently reopened consular offices here and is expected to appoint an ambassador later this year.

## £18m drug seizure in Spain

Lérida (Reuters) - Police seized almost 40 lb of heroin worth some £18 million in this northern Spanish city, the country's largest heroin haul, officials said yesterday.

But the operation, in which nine people were arrested, almost failed after a police inspector chasing two suspects died when his car crashed.

**Renault claim**  
Paris (AFP) - Action Directe, the French extremists, claimed responsibility for the murder in November of M Georges Besse, chairman of Renault.

**Knesset ban**  
Jerusalem - Knesset members will be barred from other than parliamentary work after allegations of MPs using their positions for gain, if a recommendation by a Knesset committee is carried out.

**Five executed**  
Peking (AP) - Five men have been executed for crimes ranging from murder and rape to hijacking a taxi.

**Fifth liver**  
Chicago (AFP) - Meghan LaRocco, an eight-month-old girl, is doing well after four liver transplants in a month, Chicago University said.

**Jet crash**  
Rome (AP) - An Italian Air Force pilot and his assistant died when their plane crashed after taking off from a military airport outside Rome.



## WORLD SUMMARY

## Curfew for Jaffna as Army isolates Tamils

Colombo — A 36-hour curfew was imposed yesterday in three administrative districts of Sri Lanka's Northern Province as troops continued their advance against Tamil separatists (Vijitha Yapa writes). The Government said that six guerrillas and two soldiers were killed in the skirmishes and that the entire area towards the Jaffna Fort, where there is a major military base, was being cleared. Five other people died in rebel action.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet was examining a message from Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, on Indian-sponsored efforts to resolve the conflict. The Indian High Commissioner, Mr Jyotindra Dixit, refused to release details, but reports said that the proposals included lifting Colombo's month-old fuel blockade on Jaffna and suspending military operations in the north and east, where the separatists are active in a conflict which has taken more than 5,000 lives in the past three years.

## Gold haul on plane

Delhi (AFP) — Anti-smuggling authorities found gold said to be worth \$400,000 in the toilet of a British Airways flight here yesterday, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said.

Twenty-eight kilograms (62 lbs) of gold arrived in the Indian capital from London via Dubai on board the early morning British Airways flight.

The unidentified smuggler had alighted in Dubai, PTI quoted intelligence men as saying. The entire cabin crew of the airliner, together with two local airport personnel, were detained for questioning.

## Athens protest

Athens — About 2,000 angry Greek farmers marched through central Athens yesterday protesting against this year's low farm prices. The demonstration was timed to coincide with the arrival here of M Jacques Chirac, the European Commission President, for one-day talks with Greek leaders (Mario Modiano writes).

The protesters, in a resolution delivered to Parliament, urged the Government to veto the European Community's proposed freeze of agricultural prices for this year's crop.

## Troops pull back

Islamabad — More than 150,000 Pakistani and Indian troops in combat positions in the Ravi-Chenab corridor on the border, started pulling back yesterday to peacetime locations as a de-escalation of border tension laid down in a Delhi agreement on February 4 went into operation (Hassan Akhtar writes).

There was a sudden escalation of tension last month, with Pakistan reporting more than 200,000 Indian troops on the border. India said the troops were assembled for routine exercises.

## Milk powder moved

Bonn — Three trainloads of radioactive milk powder that have caused uproar in West Germany were moved to army depots yesterday after demonstrators delayed two of the trains for 12 hours by blockading railway lines (John England writes).

The 5,000 tonnes of powder, in 242 wagons, was taken over by the Federal Government last week after three State Governments could not agree on responsibility for it. It is to be stored pending its destruction. The powder was produced legally by a Bavarian dairy firm after the Chernobyl disaster, when cows gave radioactive milk. Police cleared more than 200 demonstrators from railway lines near Meppen, in northern Germany.

## Rise in addiction

Karachi — There has been an alarming increase in the number of heroin addicts in Pakistan during the last few years, with an estimated 182.5 million tonnes of heroin consumed in 1986. Surveys by the Pakistan Narcotics Control Board and the Punjab University reveal more than 2 million heroin addicts in the country, with another 100,000 estimated to become addicted this year.

## Prout wins vote

Brussels — Mr Christopher Prout, aged 45, the Conservative Member of the European Parliament for Shropshire and Staffordshire, has been elected Chairman of the European Democratic Group (Our Correspondent writes). The election, called following the departure of Sir Henry Plumb puts Mr Prout at the head of a centre-right party including British, Danish and Spanish Conservatives.

## Praise for Thatcher

M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, should be "as virile" as Mrs Thatcher in the handling of his country's affairs, M Jean-Marie Le Pen, the leader of Europe's extreme right-wing parliamentary group, said in London yesterday (Nicholas Beeston writes). At a meeting of the European Right Group, M Le Pen, head of the French National Front party, applauded Mrs Thatcher's "desecration" of Britain, saying: "I would hope that in many circumstances M Chirac would be as virile as Mrs Thatcher."

## Brazil replaces central bank chief after clashes

From Mac Margolis, Rio de Janeiro

In a move to halt dissent within Brazil's government economic team, and to control soaring interest rates, a new Central Bank president was installed in Brasilia yesterday.

Senhor Francisco Roberto Andre Gro, aged 42, an economist trained in the United States, replaces Senhor Fernando Bracher.

Senhor Bracher, known as an orthodox economist, had increasingly clashed with more liberal government ministers over his defence of "realistic" rates of interest on domestic bank loans.

He had also argued for a more conciliatory stance towards foreign creditors in renegotiating Brazil's \$110 billion (\$72 billion) debt. The other government economists,

led by the Minister of Finance, Senhor Dilsen Fumero, have taken a tougher stand, insisting that the International Monetary Fund should not interfere in negotiations.

On his last day of office, Senhor Bracher elevated the rate of return for short-term certificates of deposit to a startling 800 per cent a year. He argued that the unprecedented interest rates really only reflected the rate of inflation in the Brazilian economy, which in a year has gone from almost nothing to nearly 20 per cent a month.

The fall of Senhor Bracher has been seen as a victory for the left-of-centre policies of the main government party, the Brazilian Democratic Movement Party.

called for today to dissolve the People's Assembly so that elections can be held under new rules on April 9.

He also seems certain to win the election, and nobody expects any real change from the voting — which means Hassan has no worries for the immediate future.

But every nine months there are now another one million Egyptians to feed.

## Victims of terrorism in Jerusalem protest at hostage deal reports

Jerusalem (AP) — Police blocked angry relatives of terrorist victims from the US consulate yesterday during a protest sparked off by reports that Israel will exchange 400 Arab prisoners for hostages in Lebanon.

Ten Israeli demonstrators shouted "Death to terrorists" and "America, don't pressure Israel to free terrorists" and held up pictures of murdered relatives during the 20-minute protest.

The protesters marched to the consulate from the Supreme Court, where they had burst into the chambers of the court president and shouted against "freeing the murderers of their children", a witness said.

The demonstrators were from six of 15 families who asked the Supreme Court to block the Government from swapping convicted terrorists for Israeli or American captives, said a spokesman for the families, Mr Meir Indor.

He said the families were acting on news reports of a possible exchange.

An Israeli Foreign Ministry official refused to confirm or deny a report in the *Davar* newspaper that Israel and the United States were negotiating for the freedom of all Israelis, Americans and other foreigners held by pro-Israeli and pro-Syrian guerrillas in Lebanon.

As part of a swap, Israel would free 400 Arab prisoners, the newspaper said. "We don't know about any such talks... I have no information about that, so I can't confirm or deny this," said the official.

Mrs Rina Azran, whose husband, Chaim, was stabbed to death last year in the occupied Gaza Strip, asked a reporter outside the consulate: "This is the land of Israel; how can it be that terrorists will be

set free and we won't feel safe?"

The consulate's senior political officer, Mr Paul Mailhot, met the relatives for several minutes outside the building, guarded by dozens of police.

He told reporters: "We understand what they say and we will pass the information to Washington."

Israeli and US officials have said the US has not asked Israel to negotiate for the hostages. The Israeli Foreign Ministry official said there

have been "routine contacts" with Washington regarding the hostage issue, "but they did not include specifics. It's an exchange of information."

BEIRUT — Mr Nabih Berri, the Shia Muslim militia leader who has, for the second time in as many years, effectively hijacked the negotiations for the release of foreign hostages in Lebanon, yesterday made the self-confident prediction that Mr Terry

Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's missing envoy, would be released "very soon" and that 400 Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners would shortly be exchanged for an Israeli pilot, three Americans and an Indian held in Beirut (Robert Fisk writes).

Speaking with an authority that suggested he knew more than he was prepared to reveal publicly, Mr Berri claimed in Damascus that there were "positive signs" that the exchange of prisoners would take place, adding that Mr Waite must also be released in the near future because "it is shameful that a peace mediator and cleric be treated in this way... I am optimistic that he will be released shortly". It was a matter of days or weeks not months, he said, before Mr Waite would be set free.

The reported visits to east Beirut of a West German government envoy have increased the suspicion that Bonn is negotiating for the release of the two German captives in west Beirut, seized in order to prevent the extradition to the United States of a Lebanese accused of helping to hijack the American TWA jet to Lebanon in 1985.

The ghosts of that saga have now returned to haunt both hostages and negotiators in Beirut. It was Mr Berri who successfully took control of the kidnapped American passengers from their original captors and who later felt bitterly aggrieved that the Americans accused him of participating in "terrorism" rather than thanking him for his intervention.

He clearly intends to take better advantage of the new hostage crisis and ensure that some genuine international gratitude comes his way if he is successful.

NABLUS: Israeli troops fired tear gas and rubber bullets yesterday at Palestinians who hurled stones, metal objects and firebombs during a series of demonstrations in the occupied West Bank. Israeli and Palestinian officials said (AP reports). There were no reported injuries.

## Star Wars deployment

## US urged to consult allies

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Amid growing fears that Washington may move towards deployment of Star Wars defences, the Prime Ministers of Britain and Italy yesterday made a joint call on the United States to consult its NATO allies.

After meeting Signor Bettino Craxi, the Prime Minister of Italy, Mrs Thatcher said: "We both expressed the hope that the United States would continue to consult its allies closely on issues connected with the Strategic Defence Initiative."

She added: "Our message to the US is 'please consult your allies on this matter of vital interest to us all'."

The call came seven days after Britain's Ambassador to Washington, Sir Anthony Acland, asked Mr George Shultz, Secretary of State, to clarify rumours that a deployment decision might be imminent.

Since then Whitehall has received no assurances from Washington. The governments of Canada, Japan, West Germany and Belgium have also expressed concern.

Mrs Thatcher's statement was seen as remarkable in that she felt the need to make it publicly, rather than person-

ally to President Reagan by telephone.

There has been deep unease among the European allies that any move from land-based to space-based testing of SDI could harm East-West relations. A decision to deploy even a limited first phase of the laser technology is thought likely to undermine strategic disarmament talks taking place in Geneva. Yesterday Mrs Thatcher called for a joint European stance. "We also hope that Europe will be able to get together," she said.

The announcement followed days of conflicting reports from Washington, reflecting a power struggle between the Pentagon and the State Department. Mr Casper Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, has lobbied for a US commitment to deploy the first part of a system to protect the continent against ballistic missiles.

Mr Shultz has been more cautious, clearly concerned that Moscow would interpret such a decision as US abandonment of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

Differences over interpretation of the treaty caused the breakdown of the Reykjavik summit in October and now

pose a strain on the Atlantic alliance.

Mrs Thatcher said it was up to the superpowers to interpret the treaty as only they had access to confidential understandings reached in 1972.

She repeated Britain's support for SDI research, which she has previously said can include everything necessary to establish whether the technology will work.

Neither leader presented the call as a criticism of President Reagan.

"I have full confidence in President Reagan and the United States is our foremost and most reliable ally," Mrs Thatcher said.

Signor Craxi added: "Our alliance with the US is not under discussion."

The British and Italian leaders agreed on other issues but not the EEC budget. As expected, Mrs Thatcher refused to accept a change in the method of financing Community expenditure which is under consideration by the EEC Commission and favoured by Italy.

Mrs Thatcher announced that President Cossiga of Italy will visit Britain from November 17 to 20.



Signor Craxi and Mrs Thatcher at their press conference in London yesterday.



## British flavour in Oscar listings

British actor Bob Hoskins, above, was at EMI Studios yesterday when he heard that he had been nominated for a Best Actor Oscar for his role as the likeable monster in *Mona Lisa*.

Yesterday's nominations will give the 59th annual Oscar show on March 30 a distinctly British flavour (Ivor Davis writes from Los Angeles). *Platoon*, about the futility of the Vietnam War, and the British-made *Room With A View*, a romantic story set in an Italian pensione at the turn of the century, both won eight nominations.

Jane Fonda, who has already won two Oscars, is nominated Best Actress for her role in *The Morning After*. The English director Roland Joffe's British-financed film *The Mission* has won seven, mostly technical, nominations. Another British filmmaker, James Ivory, is nominated Best Director for *Room With A View*.

Michael Caine is nominated Best Supporting Actor as the philandering husband in *Hannah and Her Sisters*, and in the same picture Maggie Smith, also an Oscar winner, is nominated Best Supporting Actress. (Photograph: Harry Kerr)

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## Whites accused of murder as race tensions surface in US

From Charles Bremner, New York

Three white teenagers — one of them British-born — have been charged with murder and nine others indicted on counts including manslaughter and rioting for their part in a racial attack in a New York suburb that has sparked strong emotions and seized national attention as a symptom of renewed black-white tension in the United States.

"This case is an American tragedy. I cannot overlook the severity of the charges," said Judge Alfred Lerner, arraigning the teenagers from the predominantly Italian and Irish district of Howard Beach, after they surrendered to police before dawn on Tuesday morning.

Black community leaders welcomed the action brought by Mr Charles Hynes, a special prosecutor who took over the case after an earlier attempt to bring charges for the December 20 incident collapsed amid allegations of incompetence and bias by city law officers.

The white teenagers are accused of chasing and beating three black men whose car broke down at night in the lower-middle-class suburb in the Queens borough, alongside Kennedy airport. One of the victims, Mr Michael Griffith, was killed by a car after he fled on to a nearby motorway.

According to the indictment, Jon Lester, aged 17, who was born in Manchester and came to the United States six years ago, egged on the gang, saying: "There were some niggers in the pizza parlour... Let's go back and kill them."

Lester, who attended Howard Beach's John Adams High School, is already serving a sentence of up to three years on a firearms charge. He lives with his mother and her American second husband. His father, Mr John Lester, a former West Midlands policeman, has returned to England.

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## Royal visit marks Philippa's wedding

From Alan Hamilton, Lisbon

The Prince and Princess of Wales were greeted on their arrival here yesterday by President Soares, as they began a four-day official visit to commemorate the 600th anniversary of the King of Portugal's marriage to a Lancashire girl.

The wedding in Oporto, on St Valentine's Day 1387, between King João I and Philippa of Lancaster was the first fruit of the Treaty of Windsor of the previous year, a treaty invoked as recently as 1982 to allow British aircraft on their way to the Falklands conflict to refuel in the Azores.

England acquired its oldest ally in return for the help of English archers in defeating a Spanish invasion of Portugal, and because John of Gaunt sought Portuguese support in his claim to the throne of Castile. Philippa cemented the friendship by giving birth to Henry the Navigator.

Relations between the two partners have remained good. In 1984 Mrs Thatcher and Dr Soares, who was then Prime Minister, exchanged visits, and the Queen later made a state visit to Lisbon. Last year the ruling Social Democratic Party hosted a visit by Dr David Owen.

High on the agenda of the current royal visit is the question of trade. Portugal, although the poorest member state of the European community, enjoys a healthy trade balance with Britain, which for the first 11 months of last year stood at \$285 million in Portugal's favour. Britain is now only Portugal's fourth largest trading partner, having failed to make the advances recently shown by West Germany, France and especially Spain.

One of the most successful exporters in the past year, however, has been Austin Rover, which has sold its entire quota of vehicles to Portugal. In an effort to close the trade gap, the Prince of Wales will tomorrow open a British trade fair in Oporto, where the emphasis will be on computers and other high technology equipment.

The trade mission had an inauspicious start, however, when the British-built Range Rover carrying the Chief of Police broke down in the ceremonial arrival procession and had to be pushed.



Jon Lester: witnesses say he egged on teenage gang.

aged 17, to inform on his friends. The youth, charged with manslaughter, was the only one of the 12 to be allowed bail.

Mr Hynes's predecessor, Mr John Santucci, the Queens District Attorney, was not present at the court for the arraignment. He was relieved of the case by Mr Mario Cuomo, the state Governor, last month when it got bogged down over the refusal of one of the black survivors, Mr Cedric Sandford, aged 36, to co-operate.

Mr Sandford had insisted that the driver of the car had taken part in the attack. Mr

Libyans) and France, called in by a sovereign country.

"If the occupiers leave, the French troops will go without wasting a minute," he said. "The operations in the north involve a confrontation between Chadians who are 'at home' and foreign forces who have no right to be there..."

Mitterrand was indirectly replying to President Sassou-Nguesso, who had appeared to equate the role of France and Libya in Chad when he said in a French radio interview at the weekend that the Chad question must be treated "outside all external interference, whether it be French or Libyan."

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## Soaring birth rate and consumer boom fuel Egypt's woes

From Ian Murray, Cairo

He has a big belly, a gleaming gold tooth and a ready handshake. "My name is Hassan, sir. You are most welcome in my country." The tooth flashes as the smile spreads down his chin. "You like to change dollars, sir? Very best rate."

In so many ways Hassan personifies his country's economy. His belly obviously needs a lot of feeding. His tooth shows he has expensive tastes. He needs dollars, he proudly says, "to feed my family, sir, six very good boys."

Hassan and his fellow illicit money changers who haunt Cairo's tourist areas are the inevitable consequence of Egypt's consumer-orientated,

free-spending economy, which, together with a booming birth rate, represents the most dangerous long-term threat to President Mubarak. The President seems certain to win the referendum he has

● US aid of \$2.3 billion is essential ●

called for today to dissolve the People's Assembly so that elections can be held under new rules on April 9.

He also seems certain to win the election, and nobody expects any real change from the voting — which means Hassan has no worries for the immediate future.

But every nine months there are now another one million Egyptians to feed.

The Government has traditionally subsidized basic foods and fuel to hold down inflation, at a cost to the economy of up to a quarter of the budget.

That subsidy means petrol sells at about 55p a gallon, and that bread — 78 per cent of it made from wheat imported at knockdown American or EEC prices — is so cheap that as much gets thrown away as eaten.

It also means that the budget deficit is soaring, while accumulated debts now total more than \$37 billion (\$24.6 billion).

Subsidies also mean that the Government feels justified in holding down wages in the huge public sector, which employs 35 per cent of the 13 million-strong labour force,

including 500,000 in the armed forces.

Inflation therefore remains relatively low for those living on subsidized foods, but other prices are now estimated to be rising at 30 per cent and more. Hassan, like his country, therefore needs more dollars.

Egypt has five main sources of foreign income: the Suez Canal, oil tourism, remittances from up to three million Egyptians working abroad and American aid.

The canal earns about \$1 billion a year and is trying to attract more trade by offering lower tariffs.

Oil, which used to produce 70 per cent of export earnings, is dropping in value and production has been cut.

Tourism has also dropped

as fear of terrorism has spread to travel agencies. Allowing for Hassan's percentage, tourists spent around \$1.2 billion in 1984, but last year spent \$350 million less.

All this means that President Mubarak needs to try to cut consumption, and subsidies are now being pared away.

But Hassan's belly will not take kindly to belt-tightening.

● Fears of terrorism have hit tourism ●

Last year's police riots — prompted by mere rumours of tougher conditions for conscript cadets — show that austerity could have dangerous results in a country used to living well.

American aid totalling \$2.3 billion is thus an essential budget element. Although \$1 billion of it is specifically for non-military purposes, it is all called "security assistance."

This aid is Egypt's reward for signing the Camp David peace treaty with Israel in 1979. It enables Hassan to maintain his belly, his six sons and his gold tooth, and gives President Mubarak with the kind of stability he needs to keep the peace.

"If anyone has an interest in peace in the Middle East, they have to pay the Egyptians," one Western diplomat said. "But there will be 70 million of them by the turn of the century and 100 million by 2015. One day the price will get too high."

## Mitterrand pledge on Chad withdrawal

From Diana Geddes, Paris

President Mitterrand of France has given an undertaking to the president of the Organization of African Unity, Mr Denis Sassou-Nguesso, that French troops in Chad will leave as soon as the Libyans have withdrawn their forces from the rebel-occupied north, but not before.

It is the first time that the French President has given such a clear undertaking.

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## WORLD SUMMARY

US-Russian talks  
on atom tests stall

Geneva — Both the United States and the Soviet Union have acknowledged failure to make headway in the fourth round of negotiations on nuclear tests, now adjourned until March 16 (Alan MacGregor writes). In two-and-a-half weeks of meetings they were unable to agree even on what the discussions should be called. The Russians want the title to include "comprehensive test ban" whereas the Americans will go no further than "nuclear testing negotiations".

Similarly, the US perceives discussions as confined initially to techniques for effective verification of the 150-kiloton limit set in the 1974 and 1976 threshold treaties. While the Soviet side has now agreed to talk about verifying those treaties, it also seeks simultaneous consideration of further steps after their ratification.

WASHINGTON: President Reagan yesterday met top advisers to discuss the direction of the Strategic Defence Initiative and how his Administration should consult Congress and the allies on the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty (Michael Binyon writes).

## Storm greets Princess

Abu Dhabi (Reuters) — Princess Anne faced a desert sandstorm yesterday to greet schoolchildren in Abu Dhabi on the first day of a four-nation Middle East tour.

The Princess arrived from Western Australia to attend an outdoor swimming competition at the British-run al Khubairat community school, and even remarked on how cool the weather was by comparison.

Earlier she had met the President of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahayan, and other officials of Abu Dhabi emirate. Her five-day programme includes visits to the oasis city of al-Ain, a dairy farm in Ras al-Khaimah and two nights in the trading city of Dubai, where she is due to stay in the ruler's guest palace.

Pressure  
on Botha

Washington — President Reagan's advisory committee on South Africa, which is about to publish its findings, will call for tougher sanctions against the Pretoria Government unless it moves quickly towards dismantling apartheid (Christopher Thomas writes).

Mr Reagan established the committee in 1985 as part of a series of steps to try to dissuade Congress from introducing tough measures against Pretoria. But it seems to have backfired on him.

Township axed, page 8

Gloom  
on Chad

Paris (Reuters) — M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, and Mr Denis Sassou-Nguesso, chairman of the Organisation of African Unity, yesterday voiced pessimism on prospects for a peaceful settlement in Chad.

But both pledged to continue diplomatic efforts for a deal involving the withdrawal of foreign troops.

Mr Sassou-Nguesso, who is President of Congo and architect of a three-point Chad peace plan already rebuffed by Chad and France, repeated his pleas for compromise.

## Birth rate worries

Bonn — The West German Government's concern about a low birth rate that threatens its troop commitments to Nato and the viability of pensions was not eased by a report presented to the Cabinet yesterday (John England writes).

It showed that West German women last year had a total of 624,000 babies, 40,000 more than in 1985. But that was about 225,000 fewer live births than were needed to match the death rate and help stop the Germans disappearing.

West Germany has had the world's lowest annual birth rate since 1974, and the report forecasts that the native population will drop by 14 million by the year 2030.

Election  
in Hesse

Bonn — New state elections are to be held in Hesse in April following the breakup of the coalition of Social Democrats (SPD) and Greens in a dispute over a nuclear plant (John England writes).

This follows the dismissal of Herr Joschka Fischer, the Green Environment Minister, by Herr Holger Börner, the SPD Prime Minister, after Herr Fischer threatened to resign if a plutonium plant remained in operation.

Tango  
at last

Reuters — After consulting film experts, a Rome judge has ruled that *Last Tango in Paris*, the 1972 film starring Marlon Brando, left, and Maria Schneider, was no longer offensive to public decency and ended an 11-year ban against the film in Italy.

More care  
pledged  
for women

From Alastair Matheson  
Nairobi

The World Bank launched a major international strategy here yesterday to reduce by half the number of women's deaths in childbirth within ten years. This is the Bank's latest contribution to family planning programmes in developing countries.

Giving details of the World Bank plan, its new president, Mr Barber Conable, told the opening session in Nairobi of a global conference on "Save Motherhood" that the Bank plans to double the amount of money it will lend for population, health and nutrition activities in developing countries over the next three years.

By 1990 he expects the Bank will be directly assisting projects in 50 countries, with an annual expenditure of up to \$500 million (£330 million).

Noting that the number of deaths from childbirth is now about 500,000 a year, mostly in Africa and South Asia, Mr Conable outlined the key features of what he termed "a major new strategy for women in developing countries".

This will include stronger community-based health care, more hospitals and health centres to deal with obstetric emergencies, and an "alarm" and transport system for pregnant women.

## Maputo hit by rail rate cuts

From Paul Vallety, Maputo

The South African Government is subsidizing rates on its nationalized railway system to entice more trade from businesses in its black neighbour states, the British Minister for Overseas Development, Mr Christopher Patten, was told in Mozambique yesterday.

The tactic, which has been employed for almost a year, is designed partly to buy commercial advantage, but also to increase the strategic leverage which Pretoria employs against frontline states. Already some 85 per cent of their imports and exports go through South Africa. Discounting the tariffs is designed to increase that still further.

"South African Railways have lowered their tariffs to such an extent that it is now cheaper for firms in Zimbabwe, and even Zambia, to take their goods through Port Elizabeth than it is via Maputo," a Mozambican port official told Mr Patten. Even goods which did go through Maputo often had to travel initially via South Africa, which could make a substantial surcharge.

The discounted rates are tied into long-term contracts which make it difficult for businesses in neighbouring states to extricate themselves from the deals in any change of political circumstances.

## White House under pressure from arms and hostage crises

## Stress of Irangate takes heavy toll on Reagan's advisers

From Michael Binyon  
Washington

The stress of the daily revelations, political scandal and grueling congressional hearings on the Iran affair is taking its toll on President Reagan's advisers. Mr Robert McFarlane, recovering in hospital from an overdose of valium, is just one of the many embroiled in the controversy who is now paying with his nerves for past loyal service.

Mr William Casey, the former Central Intelligence Agency director, suffered seizures and had an emergency operation for a cancerous brain tumour in December after almost a week of continuous testimony on Capitol Hill. His tumour and cancer were already afflicting

him, but doctors said that the stress of his questioning probably induced the seizures.

The mental anguish of those in the thick of the controversy has been plain to see on their faces. Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, mercilessly mocked, blamed and lambasted in papers and on television throughout America, had tears in his eyes and a voice close to cracking when he told the House of Representatives: "I don't know there is another person in America that wants to tell this story as much as I do."

As he invoked the Fifth Amendment against self-incrimination, one congressman remarked that he had "never seen more anguish or distress in the face of an individual

who had had to testify before this committee".

But Colonel North, besieged by reporters and photographers as he goes to church, drives his car or steps outside his Virginia home with his family, is not cracking under the strain. He winds down his car window to exchange pleasantries and refuse comment. He tells friends with whom he dines that he is amused by the more bizarre stories he reads of his escapades, and that the truth is more mundane.

Vice-Admiral John Poindexter, the former National Security Adviser, portrayed an image of pipe-smoking composure as he too faced the congressional inquisitors. Like Colonel North, his religion has

probably sustained him. His wife has just been appointed an Episcopalian clergyman.

But he has new worries to face over his rank and pension. Unless President Reagan recommends an exception to the Senate, he will lose a star and revert to being a rear-admiral. The Senate is in no mood to make the exception, and the US Navy is trying quietly to persuade him to accept demotion. He has reportedly refused.

Within the White House, the full heat of the scandal has fallen on Mr Donald Regan, the Chief of Staff, who is being blamed widely for having allowed the fiasco to happen. A man of legendary obstinacy, he has stood firm in the face of repeated calls and pressure for his

resignation. But even he has appeared harassed and distraught, and kept himself from public view.

As for President Reagan himself, the stress of Iran has perhaps been the most powerful factor in embittering and demoralizing him. In a rare display of anger, he admitted that his heart was full of bile and said he was not going to "crawl into a hole".

But since then friends have reported him bitter and bewildered by the sudden change in his fortunes. He has been distracted at meetings with congressmen and withdrawn from public view. The President has lost his jaunty and, partly because of his recent prostate operation, has suddenly begun to look old.

Angry Shultz  
denounces  
kidnappers  
as 'animals'

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, has denounced as animals the Palestinians holding American hostages in Lebanon.

"We want to figure out a way to raise the cost to those animals," he told a group of American Legion officers this week.

"There are various ways of doing that, and I believe that, no, we shouldn't be running around using our capacity for force right and left. But they have to know there are situations where we will do it. And that will sober a few people up."

He observed that the hostage problem is a tough one for the US because "we are a sympathetic people and we all feel, as the President does, when an American overseas is kidnapped, we're kicked around, and we're going to do something about it."

Mr Shultz made his remarks after the threatened deadline on Monday for killing three American professors held hostage was extended. He did not refer specifically to that threat.

Meanwhile it was revealed that the Reagan Administration has not discussed with Israel the question of freeing 400 Arab prisoners which the Palestinian group threatening to kill the hostages has demanded.

A White House spokesman

emphasized that "we will not pay ransom for hostages, we will not encourage others to do so, and we won't comment on any particular course of action".

The US has deployed two aircraft carrier battle groups in the eastern Mediterranean as a precautionary measure.

JERUSALEM: Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, repeated yesterday that Israel has not been approached to free the 400 prisoners and suggested that the Islamic Jihad organization must have had "some other reason" not to carry out its threat to kill the hostages (David Bernstein writes).

He was sceptical of the proposal made by Mr Nabih Berri, the Shia Muslim Amal leader, to include a captured Israeli airman in any proposed exchange.

Apart from the navigator held by Amal, two Israeli soldiers kidnapped in southern Lebanon six months ago are being held by the Islamic Jihad and four others believed to have been captured during the 1982 invasion of Lebanon are still unaccounted for.

FRANKFURT: Mr Philip Engel, a Canadian engineer, said yesterday that he felt fine after arriving in Tehran, after being held in detention by Iranian authorities since December.

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controlled by Ayatollah Khomeini's son Ahmed — appealed for Mr Waite's release, describing him in flattering terms as "an intrepid English knight who searches for peace and justice like Robin Hood, set out for Lebanon with courage and boldness to free American hostages in the hands of terrorists".

However curious the parallel to Robin Hood, this extraordinary accolade — which also referred to the British envoy as a "legendary hero" — may well have been the first response of Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, the Speaker of the Iranian Parliament, to appeals specifically made to him last week by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

In Beirut, meanwhile, the wives of the three most recent American hostages thanked



Mrs Bader Turner, wife of one of the Americans held in Lebanon, reads a letter from Mr Alann Steen pleading for his life and those of other hostages. With her are Mrs Ferial Polhill, left, and Mrs Virginia Steen, the wives of his companions.

Family in  
plea for  
held Briton

By Nicholas Beeston

Three hundred days after a British journalist was seized in Beirut and disappeared without a trace, his friends and colleagues appealed to his abductors yesterday to identify themselves and put forward their demands.

Nothing has been heard of Mr John McCarthy, aged 30, the acting bureau chief of Worldwide Television News in Beirut, since his car was intercepted and he was driven away at gunpoint in April.

At a London press conference his girlfriend, Miss Jill Morrell, asked the kidnappers to "say why you are holding him and what you want".

Miss Morrell and a colleague of Mr McCarthy, Mr Nick Toksyg, visited Cyprus and Syria over Christmas to ask leaders in the region for help in locating him.

Mr Terry Waite, the Anglican envoy, said before his disappearance in Lebanon more than three weeks ago that he had information that Mr McCarthy was alive.

Miss Morrell described the envoy's disappearance as a terrible blow to hopes that the journalist might be freed, but said that she intended to return to the region and continue contacts with Lebanese leaders.

Palestinian refugees starve  
just yards from fruit seller

From Juan Carlos Gmundo, Beirut

Less than 200 yards from the front line dividing Palestinian starvation from the adequate life of the Lebanese Shia Muslim population of Bourj el-Barajneh, a street vendor was yesterday selling tangerines, oranges and potatoes.

His loud, monotonous litany of produce was probably audible to the Palestinians inside their shattered camp. If they have been given permission by their religious leaders to "eat human flesh", as a last resort, the food that is needed to

new barricades and tank traps.

Since the eruption of the latest, savage round of the war of the camps, Shia Muslim forces of the Amal militia and Muslim units of Lebanon's divided Army have maintained an implacable ring around the Bourj el-Barajneh and Chafila camps. Palestinian guerrillas, most of them loyal to Mr Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, have been resisting fiercely daily attacks with the confidence of an Army prepared for a long war.

Since a major Amal onslaught in the summer, the Palestinians had stocked up food, medicine and fuel. They knew that the conflict this time would be longer, because at stake were PLO plans to return to Beirut after its expulsion by the Israeli Army in the invasion of 1982. No one — not Mr Arafat nor the Amal militia and its Syrian-backed leaders, and certainly not the thousands of Palestinian refugees now trying to survive — appeared to have ever thought that this war could drag on for so long.

Chilling reports about life inside the besieged camps have leaked out through radio contact or on scraps of paper smuggled across Amal lines. No foreign or Lebanese reporter has actually entered the camps to verify the reports of children starving to death.

"The situation is critical and inhuman," said a report signed by a foreign medical team working in the camp. "There is no flour, no fresh food and no pregnant women and children are becoming undernourished. People are eating stale food and suffering vomiting and diarrhoea. Water has to be collected from taps in the street at great personal risk. Several women have been shot by snipers while collecting water for their families."

That report, however, was of more than one week ago. The latest was so astonishing that it became the base for a strong protest by Mr Zehli Labib

Terzi, the PLO observer to the United Nations. Mr Terzi said in New York that Palestinian refugees had asked Muslim religious leaders for special permission to eat human flesh because they were starving.

"It is rather traumatizing to think that people can reach a stage of starvation when they can ask for an edict or some permission that they can eat the flesh of the kill because they don't have anything else to eat," he said.

The request in question has never been seen and it is unclear to whom it was specifically addressed.

Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah, the most prominent Shia Muslim scholar in Lebanon, yesterday was quoted as saying that "a Fatwa, or religious decree to allow people to eat human flesh is only tolerated when all kinds of other food cease to exist. It is in this case only that eating the flesh of the dead becomes permissible."

The sheikh appeared to be giving credibility to reports that, at least until yesterday,

No one... knows  
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misfortune

Were it not for the occasional gunfire, life on the perimeter of the besieged Palestinian camp seemed perfectly normal. Schoolgirls in neat blue uniforms and white scarves mingled and giggled in corners on their way home. Young militiamen armed with automatic weapons yawned and smoked as they let the twisting columns of honking cars pass through old cement roadblocks adorned with portraits of Shia Muslim leaders and the local "martyrs".

Weed is already growing over the huge earth mounds blocking the streets that once led to the camp. And no one, except the thousands of refugees trapped amid the ruins of hundreds of houses blown up by artillery fire, knows the real magnitude of their own misfortune.

People like the commander of the T 55 tank aimed at the camp say without any trace of sympathy that, no doubt, after nearly four months of siege, life inside Bourj el-Barajneh and the neighbouring shantytowns must be miserable.

"Even war has become more difficult," he admitted. "The rubble of the buildings we've been hitting has been piling up, giving the Palestinians

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Palestinian children were catching rats to eat when he said "the situation in the camp has not reached that dimension."

These reports have prompted King Hassan of Morocco to propose parachuting food supplies over Bourj el-Barajneh to relieve the situation, which he said had attained "a degree of indescribable atrocity". The West German Government, for its part, has expressed its "deep concern".

The organizations that could play a more practical role, such as the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), are powerless in the face of the brutality of the war of the camps, which has claimed about 750 lives in four months.



Miss Jill Morrell: 'Say why you are holding him...'

£2.3bn butter deal gets  
ministers' approval

From Our Correspondent, Brussels

European Community agriculture ministers yesterday gave the political go-ahead for a £2.3 billion loan to the EEC to dispose of the butter mountain. Under the EEC plan, 1,030,000 tonnes will be sliced out of the Community's butter stocks, leaving just over a quarter of a million tonnes.

Britain, with 20 per cent of the stocks, will finance one-fifth of the scheme at a cost of more than £400 million to the taxpayer. Repayment with 7 per cent interest is due over four years starting in 1989.

Only a small part of the butter — 130,000 tonnes over two years — will go to the consumer in the form of cheap butter sales and charity distributions. The rest will be sold to the Soviet Union, or disposed of commercially.

Of the 400,000 tonnes earmarked for export in 1987, almost the entire quantity is expected to go to the Soviet Union. Already the European Commission is negotiating the sale of 300,000 tonnes to Moscow.

Technically, the butter is owned by national governments and is paid for by the EEC at the moment when it is sold out of store. But under yesterday's agreement, the Community will not pay for the butter for two years.

After the decision, Mr John Gummer, the junior Agriculture Minister, said: "If more had gone to the housewife, it would not have stepped up demand."

Rome has the edge at  
Anglo-Italian summit

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

The first Anglo-Italian summit meeting at which the British will arguably be the poor cousins is to be held today, with financial matters dominating the talks.

Signor Bettino Craxi, the Italian Prime Minister, and five ministers of his five-party coalition will no doubt be too polite to mention economic indicators which give Italy a slight edge in the European pecking order.

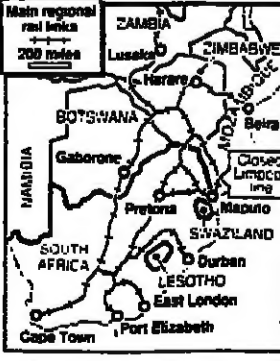
Mrs Thatcher, Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, Mr Michael Jopling, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, may take comfort in rival figures suggesting that the upturn in oil prices

should move Britain fractionally ahead.

The wealth stakes have been made relevant by a plan under consideration by the European Commission to use gross domestic product as the basis for calculating each country's contribution to the EEC.

The Italians are in favour of, and the British against, making the plan the only important bilateral issue between them. Rome argues that the change could have the effect of Italy paying more than Britain. Whitehall replies that both would pay more.

With Italy certainly and Britain probably in an election year, both governments have sidestepped the thorny issue of nuclear power.



Mozambican National Resistance.

"Maputo as a port is much better developed than Beira. What we have to do now is persuade some of the other donors to join us," he said.

Later Mr Patten offered the Mozambican Government technical assistance in managing the line once it reopened.

Today Mr Patten is expected to announce an extra £5 million in British aid for general projects such as road maintenance. If the Government comes to an agreement with the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, as is expected here, it is understood that Britain will offer further aid to help Mozambique's balance of payments crisis.

Mr Patten's offer of technical assistance followed his announcement earlier this week of £1.5 million in British emergency aid for famine-hit regions of Mozambique.

The cash, destined for Oxfam, the Save the Children Fund and the United Nations Children's Fund, is for the purchase and repair of trucks in central and northern provinces and to provide clothes and other goods for the growing refugee population.

More than three million peasant farmers said to have been driven off their land by rebel guerrillas.



**Harvey Elliott**







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BOOKS

# Travels of a black Englishman

In his most recent novel Caryl Phillips describes the plight of a West Indian who, after many years in England, returns to his old island. "Go back to where you come from," one of his erstwhile compatriots tells him. He no longer belongs there, because "you let the English man fuck up your head." Mr Phillips himself was born in St Kitts in 1958, but in that same year he was brought to England. So where does he belong? This is the question which disturbs him and, in the introduction to this engaging travelogue, he describes how in the Seventies - before he became a writer - he was bewildered by his own "lack of a coherent sense of identity." While he was studying at Oxford he would take the train to London and hang around the black areas of Brixton or Ladbroke Grove, but even here he seems to have been just an observer. He was never really at home anywhere.

And so he has gone travelling. Tired of discrimination in England, and perplexed by the precise nature of that white race which, as a character in one of his plays puts it, "is like a storm of rain trying to wash us away", he visited several European countries to understand the tribe that inhabits them. But he is a high-spirited explorer, not one likely to be too greatly weighed down by the seriousness of his quest, and he is often very funny about the horrors of travelling anywhere. Although he had a fellow-feeling with Nigerian students at Oxford, for example, the first sight of Africa appals him - "The flies were a constant menace, potential illness was a pressing concern," and the kasbah (for he is in Casablanca) was like "the inner circle of hell". In fact throughout this book Phillips is so beset by emergencies and so troubled by foreigners that there are times when he might have stepped straight out of the pages of Jerome K. Jerome. Perhaps this is a clue to what I assume to be his essential and ineradicable Englishness.

Of course there are some travel writers whose prose is an extended version of *esprit d'escalier*, as they carefully describe all the impressions which they never had at the time. That is why many novelists take so easily to travelogue: they hardly need to change trains. But this is not true of Phillips: he is a transparently clear and genuinely honest writer, painful though that honesty may be on certain occasions (there is a very interesting encounter with James Baldwin, which he records). And since travel books always tell one more about the traveller than about the places he chooses to visit, the picture of the author that emerges here is of a lonely, easily embarrassed man, but one full of vivacity and

Peter Ackroyd on a fine writer on the road in search of his identity

THE EUROPEAN TRIBE  
By Caryl Phillips  
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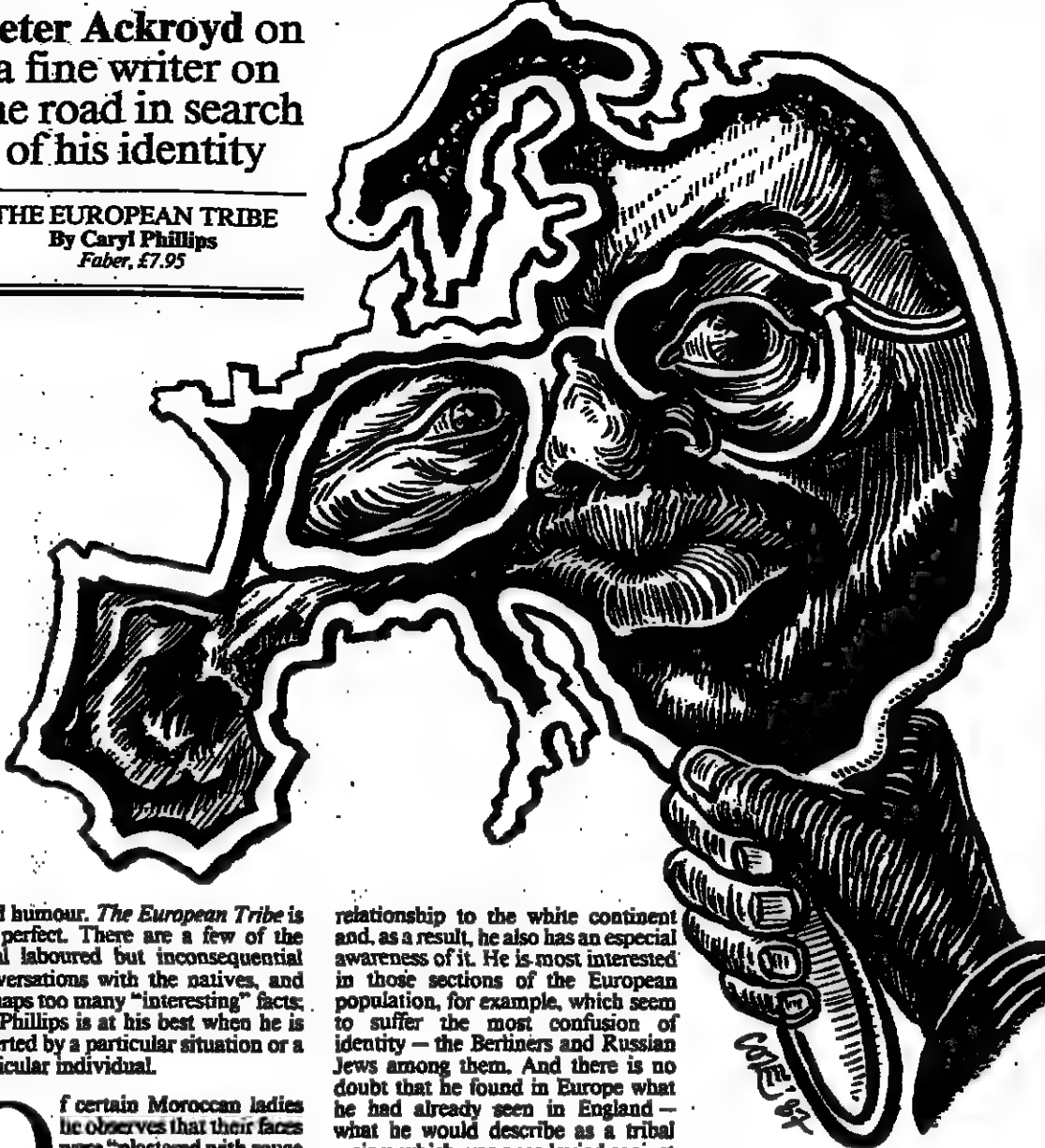
good humour. *The European Tribe* is not perfect. There are a few of the usual laboured but inconsequential conversations with the natives, and perhaps too many "interesting" facts, but Phillips is at his best when he is diverted by a particular situation or a particular individual.

Of certain Moroccan ladies he observes that their faces were "plastered with rouge as though somebody had slapped them", and he is at his funniest when he visits a place that he really hates. In some countries he seems to have spent a very short time indeed, and there are moments when he is the quintessential anxious traveller, desperate to pack his bags almost as soon as he has arrived. Norway and Russia are not among his favourite nations, while along the Mediterranean he seems particularly upset by the nudist beaches.

But there is another aspect to this quest: in a sense he is on a pilgrimage, a pilgrimage towards himself, each country being the strip of litmus paper on which he can measure his own responses. So he has an especial

relationship to the white continent and, as a result, he also has an especial awareness of it. He is most interested in those sections of the European population, for example, which seem to suffer the most confusion of identity - the Berbers and Russian Jews among them. And there is no doubt that he found in Europe what he had already seen in England - what he would describe as a tribal racism which was once levied against the Jews, and is now being levied against the blacks themselves. As a result he believes that "right wing extremism is on the rise again all over Europe." This may or may not be true, but there is no doubt that his perception springs from genuine resentment and equally genuine anxiety. We need not treat this book as a travelogue at all, but rather as a testament of one man's struggle against an enemy most of us are content not to see. "It is neither healthy nor desirable," he writes, "to spend one's whole European life aware of 'colour', and I have yet to meet a single black person who enjoys it; but the curiously warped logic of the European continually attempts to

force this upon us." This is as eloquent as anything in Ellison, Wright, or Baldwin; and it is good to know that Phillips' voice is emerging powerfully in English writing. But does he now think of himself as English, after his journey across Europe? Has he discovered anything more about his own identity? Probably not. Perhaps it is not that important in any case - many white writers lack a sense of identity, after all, which is why they became writers in the first place. Perhaps it represents one of those puzzles that can never, and will never, be solved. The fact that it is insoluble, however, makes this not only an engaging book but also a moving one.



## Papa's writer's block

FICTION

Elaine Feinstein

THE GARDEN OF EDEN

By Ernest Hemingway

Hamish Hamilton, £9.95

THE LOST LANGUAGE OF CRANES

By David Leavitt

Viking, £10.95

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF BARLY BEACH

By Sylvia Murphy

Gollancz, £9.95

hero's good reviews also comes early. She claims that she admires his writing too much to care if his reviews are good or not. David, with complete honesty knows that he would. Hemingway is at his best when David is trying to set down accurate memories of his father, or explaining how impossible it is to reconstruct lost work when it has reached the stage of completion. The plot of the book turns on Catherine's introduction of a second, younger girl

forcibly into her marriage to David; but to my mind this is where the structure of the book weakens. It remains a very peculiar, haunting book, far more deeply involved in an analysis of male passivity than it is with lesbian passions.

David Leavitt is a young and extremely talented New Yorker, who has chosen to write about facing up to homosexual needs, without taking much time to consider the way a whole generation has been frozen into terror by AIDS. His novel deserves to be read with attention. And even if it is the father, who has repressed his own homosexual urges through a long marriage, whose plight we are invited to consider most deeply, Leavitt has some compassion for the wife, whose own sexual bewilderment is resolved so unhappily after 27 years. Perhaps the son's militant certainty that stable homosexual relationships (complete with adopted children) can be maintained happily is a little complacent. But at least it offers an alternative to the porno-movies, gay bars (or traditional English public lavatories) which otherwise fill the homosexual scene.

After so much intensity, Sylvia Murphy's gentle novel provides a splendid, unexpected comedy at the expense of pompous property developers. She gives a Thirkell-like blessing to the fishy-smelling woman, whose obstruction of court proceedings is so vigorous the usher looks up very doubtfully when asked to remove her. And we come to respect the heroine of the book for accepting the encroachments of middle age.

## Dissident Czechmate

Barbara Day

VACLAV HAVEL

or Living in Truth

Edited by Jan Vladislav

Faber, £15

"tens of typewritten magazines, private or semi-official exhibitions, seminars, concerts and other events," as well as filling the theatres and queuing outside bookshops. "This irrepressible cultural hunger of the community's living organism, or perhaps of

The book is published to celebrate the award of the 1986 Erasmus Prize to Havel, and concludes with 16 short essays in his honour. This part is unsatisfactory, in that the only unity is in the subject, and contrast with the 1985 Hutchinson publication which juxtaposes "The Power of the Powerless" with essays by ten other members of the "parallel culture", written in response to Havel's essay. Some of the laudatory essays in *Living in Truth* are peripheral and some are anecdotal. Others are simultaneously valuable and frustrating, such as Heinrich Böll's "Courtesies towards God". Böll's 1984 review of Havel's *Letters to Olga*, which is not yet published in English.

The letters, written during Havel's imprisonment for criminal subversion, bridge the six-year gap between "The Power of the Powerless" and the 1984 "Politics and Conscience". Havel recently described how he spent the rigorous prison week preparing himself for these short letters, subject to intense censorship. Within their limitations he explored his attitudes towards his past life and experiences, and his relationship to the world around him. They should be published in English.



Struggle as a writer

## Our men in the jungle Carry on kipling

An ambassador I know who is obsessively interested in fish once interrupted negotiations with Communist guerrillas to catch and pickle a gigantic eel and send it back to England. No one was in the least bit surprised. If you have a time-consuming hobby, be it collecting prams or painting delicate watercolours of the spider monkey's mating rituals, the British diplomatic service is ideal. With John Ure, currently our man in Rio, his passion is "travelling comfortably in remote places and writing about it comfortably afterwards". So much thought and effort has gone into this book that one can only begin to guess at the state

Paul Pickering

TRESPASSERS ON THE AMAZON

By John Ure

Constable £10.95

of Anglo-Brazilian relations in the meantime.

The work sets out to tell the at times exceedingly funny yarns of all the Anglo-Saxon Amazon explorers from Raleigh to Robin Hanbury-Tenison in a direct but elegant way which makes you feel you have been sitting next to them at an embassy dinner. In these hostile jungles, where the map was never pink, foreign adventurers have to watch their Ps and Qs. Indeed, so many of them appear to be effortlessly polite Old Etonians, one almost expects some of the tribes to have adopted wing collars and waistcoats. To the first Englishman, Anthony Knivet in 1591, it must have seemed like another planet especially when, "a great thing came out of the water with great scales on the back, with great ugly claws and a long tail." His name is not familiar because Sir Walter Raleigh was much better at PR. Raleigh was after El Dorado

so that he could afford to buy a few more pearls to sew on his cloak. The best episode in the whole book is another search for the same place by the noted spiritualist, cricketer, and discoverer of the Ichitoid Curve, Colonel Percy Fawcett DSO. Here Ure has an unfailing eye for such detail as, "...the Englishman recruited in La Paz who lost his false teeth in a river and had to be sent home before he starved in consequence." Fawcett disappeared without trace.

While the author owes something to the delightful approach of Peter Fleming, he has much more respect for a part of the world he knows a good deal better. When Fleming met an alligator as Knivet had done he noted casually, "He was content to look malign and live on his reputation." Fleming loathed the school of explorer like the rotund Roosevelt to whom all water is "Precious Fluid" and any dusky person without a shirt "Oncoming Savages". Ure steers an admirable course between entertainment and awe for a magnificent river and the Anglo-Saxons who messed about on it. One only hopes his day job hasn't suffered too much and we are not at war with Brazil.

In recent years the house of Macmillan has been thrashing about in its endeavours to maximize its gains from the Kipling copyrights. So far as children's books are concerned, efforts have centred on *The Jungle Books* and *Just So Stories*, with a great variety of chopped-up, excerpted, and re-illustrated editions tumbling from the press. Now that the iron gate of 1986 has shut behind them, and Kipling is any man's prey, the first new hunters have arrived. Viking Kestrel (who in 1983 were first off the mark with a prestige edition of Kipling's out-of-copyright *Wind in the Willows*) are seeking to repeat the operation on this new arrival in "the public domain".

With *The Jungle Book*, though they have taken on intractable material, for it seems to be one of those classics (*Treasure Island* is another) that are impossible to illustrate. The difficulty does not lie merely in the diversity of the stories - Mowgli jumbled in with white seals in the Bering Sea and with plain tales almost from the hills. It also lies in the hesitant presence of Kipling himself, whose language crumbles attempts at pictorial representation. Macmillan never solved the prob-

lem - their most recent choice, Maurice Wilson, could not effect any connection between animals and man. Michael Foreman, in the new book, is wonderfully versatile, and comes nearer than anyone to matching Kipling's prose; but his Mowgli is an unconvincing ingenu.

That stricture applies even more strongly to the companion *Just So Stories*. Macmillan tried vainly to convert these masterpieces into picture-books. To the despair of all rivals, Kipling himself gave the book its definitive illustrations; and beside his richly inventive pictures with their unforgettable captions ("The Jaguar's pet name with his Mummy was Doffies") Mr Foreman looks little more than flippant.

These two texts, together with four which Havel wrote in the 80s, are reprinted in *Vaclav Havel or Living in Truth*. When Havel's plays could no longer be officially performed in Czechoslovakia, his main means of communication became essay writing, distributed through the samizdat press.

The collection of essays shows not only Havel's developing thoughts, but also a changing society. In 1984 Havel reconsiders his earlier words, and rebels against the metaphor of the graveyard. He looks round at a society where, in spite of the efforts of bureaucracy, the boundary between "dissident" or "unofficial" culture is gradually being eroded, where people are communicating through

force that alone is worth the price. But there are more surprises in store...Lordly, indeed, these stories.

Equal Rites, by Terry Pratchett (Gollancz, £9.95). Another Disworld misadventure from the romping comic Mr Pratchett, with a tale this time of the girl, Esk, inheriting the staff of wizardry, and learning the magical arts from Granny Weatherwax, who is now one of my favourite fantasy heroines. Very funny; and I loved the gnomish greeting in part of the book's dedication: "A big hello to all the kids at the HP Lovecraft Holiday Fun Club."

The Best Science Fiction of Isaac Asimov (Gollancz, £10.95). The good Dr A. admits what we have suspected: "I like my own work so much that I was with great difficulty than I left anything out at all." Well, the choice he's made here is, I admit, rather marvellous, and the introductions are, as ever, endearingly chatty. Must be something to do with those engaging science fiction summer schools they have in the US.

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### SIDNEY SHELDON

## WINDMILLS OF THE GODS

Mary Ashley,  
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## Death as a spectator sport

SCIENCE FICTION

Tom Hutchinson

VICTIM PRIME

By Robert Shekley

Methuen, £9.95

It's only now he's with us once more that we realize he's been away: his already-published work stood in for his absence. Mr Shekley, one of science fiction's most illustrious names, seems to have strayed the field for some time. This book marks a return which shows he is as deft, as spritely and as thankful - as readable as ever.

The old dog is working with old tricks. The idea of mechanized gladiatorial contests-to-death as a future spectator sport has been used before. What the author brings to his story - of Harold Erdman as a new-world Spartacus journeying to a small Caribbean island to participate in lethal contests to acquire big money - is new zest and wit.

The earth is in a state of ecological collapse because of mankind's folly; animals aren't expendable in such games, but humans are. Harold's quest for fame and fortune is as much a mordant satire on the come-on-down, get-rich-quick mentality as a gripped comment on our wasteful ways.

Robert Shekley makes it all develop his way, with vitality

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# THE TIMES DIARY

## War game

The first feature film about the Falklands war will begin production this summer. I can reveal. The worrying news for Mrs Thatcher is that its scriptwriter and director is Stuart Urban, director of a controversial Channel 4 film, "Off to the Wars", which featured a spoof "Hot Spot Tours" travelogue to Beirut. A viewer's complaint after its showing in January was taken so seriously that it was featured on C4's *Right To Reply*. Urban's film is being financed by Cannon and is thus assured mass cinema distribution. He has already interviewed some 30 Falkland veterans, and Robert Lawrence, the injured soldier who is the subject of the yet to be shown BBC play *Tamworth*, is acting as adviser. Urban says he has unearthed evidence of bayoneting and "savage hand-to-hand fighting". Apparently sanguine about the political implications in portraying the bloody cost of retaking the islands, he insists the film is simply about "men and war".

## Currie's quota

When it comes to telling the nation what it should eat, there is none so keen as junior health minister Edwina Currie. Her enthusiasm, however, does not always stretch to opening ministerial coffers for the purpose. Yesterday she personally backed a new report from the British Cardiac Society on heart disease that recommends eating less fat, smoking less and exercising more. Mrs Currie, renowned for her comments on northern diets, even asked the society to supply her with copies to send to every MP. Unfortunately, the society has been told that the DHSS cannot afford the £600 to buy the reports from the charity, which must instead foot the bill for keeping our elected representatives in the know.

## BBC news

Among the hundred-odd applications for the BBC Director-General vacancy now being sifted, one, I understand, comes from Nigel Ryan, the former chief executive of ITN. Ryan's qualifications are not in dispute. He left ITN in 1977 to become vice-president of NBC News in America and on his return worked for Thames TV as director of programmes. And, having filmed behind the lines in Afghanistan for a documentary in 1983, he cannot be accused of having forgotten what it is like to be a reporter. His only disqualification for becoming a BBC bureaucrat is — as his travelling companion among the mujahidin, Sandy Gall, told me — he makes a terrible cup of tea.

● Just for Norris McWhirter: new evidence of links between Zircos and the BBC. Zircos Metal of Shepherd's Bush, west London, supplies BBC TV with metalwork and woodwork for scenery.

## Private line

I have ammunition for those who remain convinced, despite denials, that the Government plans to privatize the London Underground. Just as British Airways acquired a new logo before last week's sell-off, so London Regional Transport has brought in a design consultancy to work on its image. Henrich Ludlow and Schmidt's ideas are less than sensational: the familiar crossed circle symbol is staying with only minor alterations and the present typography will be updated rather than abolished. There is one shock in store though. Chris Ludlow confides that the colour used to represent some lines on the Underground map will be changed. He won't tell me which, but Northern, to my relief, is staying in black.

BARRY FANTONI



## Shirt tale

Earlier this week Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary, entertained the Commons with an account of buying a shirt in Moscow. This morning I turn the nation's gaze to Michael Jopling's apparel. The beleaguered Agriculture Minister was interviewed on Monday evening's *Newsnight* wearing what looked like a sheet of graph paper under his jacket. Lo, when he was teased at Tuesday's National Farmers' Union meeting, his shirt bore the same ghastly check. Yesterday his office was vigorous in denying that Jopling had not bothered to undress between engagements. "He liked the shirt so much he bought two," it said.

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# Against the protectionist tide

by J. William Middendorf II

EEC Ministers meet today to tackle the rising budgetary costs of, above all else, the Common Agricultural Policy. The true costs of that policy, however, go far beyond the expenditures involved. They include, indeed, the risks of a trade war. Faced with a burgeoning overcapacity in both agricultural and manufacturing products, the EEC, the US and other major trading nations are vying with increasing intensity for relatively limited markets.

The bright side of the emerging picture is that the past two years show an impressive resolution of such outstanding disputes as those on citrus fruit and steel exports. Most recently, we found a solution for the large remaining controversy over Spanish and Portuguese accession measures. Just one day before a series of US tariffs on EEC products went into effect, both sides agreed on compensation for damages to US corn and sorghum exports to Spain.

This disagreement related to the largest problem of agricultural policy. Much of the EEC's large agricultural surplus, generated by its exorbitant farm price supports, is then dumped, with the help of export subsidies, on already saturated world markets. Nor is the

US guiltless. We also heavily support agriculture, as do one third of other governments in the world in one way or another.

During the 1970s farmers enjoyed a prolonged period of high commodity prices, coupled with booming export markets. Future markets looked unlimited. Thus, farmers the world over increased production to levels far beyond the needs of domestic markets.

Encouragingly, the US and the EEC have both taken steps to reduce their support to agriculture. In December 1986, the EEC Agriculture Council approved reforms of its dairy and meat programmes which should reduce somewhat the massive surpluses in these two sectors. The 1985 US farm bill lowers support prices in the US to the point where the market, and not the government, begins to set farm prices. In addition, the bill provides that grain farmers must remove 20 to 25 per cent of their land from production to participate in the government programmes. Unfortunately, many countries have simply filled the US void by growing more.

The inclusion of agriculture on the agenda of the forthcoming Uruguay round of multilateral trade negotiations offers hope for co-operation. Current General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade rules need to be strengthened to promote free trade in farm commodities. The US is willing to put virtually all of its agricultural policies on the table in the Uruguay Round negotiations, and we hope the EEC will do the same.

The US Congress will be closely monitoring progress in the Gatt negotiations, not only in agriculture, but in the new areas of services, trade-related investment, intellectual property rights, as well as in traditional manufactured goods. But a failure to reform and strengthen the Gatt system would make protectionist proposals more likely.

Some comprehensive trade legislation certainly will come out of the US Congress in 1987. The Reagan Administration has agreed to work closely with Congress to try to produce a bill that the president can sign. However, the president has vowed to veto any

protectionist bill and, indeed, last year did veto one aimed at textiles. Congressional pressure this year will be even greater, since our trade deficit has climbed to record levels despite the sizeable depreciation of the dollar. Unfortunately, the currencies of the Pacific Basin NICs, Latin America, and Canada, which represent around 40 per cent of our total trade, have dropped with the American dollar. Our poor 1986 trade figures confirm that the US trade deficit will come down much more slowly than most observers had expected. Thus, growth-orientated policies in the two largest surplus countries, Japan and Germany, are urgently needed to bring better balance to international trade.

Although protectionism poses a threat to US relations with its major trading partners, I leave Europe confident that the symposium of mutual interest will continue to keep US-EEC relations on an even keel. Not only our economic prosperity but also our security depend on close co-operation. George Ball's remark, "Nothing propels like propinquity", is as true of interests as of people.

The author has just retired as US Ambassador to the EEC.

## Kenneth Minogue ponders the dangerous growth of mere silliness

# In search of lost stupidity

It was a commonplace of 19th century political judgement that the Conservatives were the stupid party. Being the stupidest party was, John Stuart Mill wrote, "the law of their existence" and he glossed this by talking of their blind propensity to oppose anything new.

To describe someone as "stupid" is generally an insulting move in the new conversational games we play; usually it comes just before such a game is broken off in exasperation. But it is also a tactic in conversational games to pick up insults, turn them upside down, and send them booming back. In this way, the sort of people for whom "clever-clever" is an insult can easily persuade themselves that stupidity in politics is a virtue. But one close to it. The great exponent of this tradition was Edmund Burke, whose later writings are full of praise for the natural stolidity of the English, especially in comparison with the French. "I know that we are supposed a dull, sluggish race," Burke wrote, "rendered passive by finding our situation tolerable, and prevented by a mediocrity of freedom from ever attaining to its full perfection." And with this neat ironical twist, stupidity is equated with stability and lack of impressionability; the stupid are at least protected against the self-destructiveness of political fashion.

Burke is perhaps the most recent political writer whom one might be tempted to describe as wise. For wisdom is a moral quality only to be found in traditional societies which, from necessity, are constantly aware of their own limitations. Socrates was wise in that he knew that he was ignorant, and his irony counterbalanced the pretensions of the knowledgeable against their actual ignorance of their real situation.

In modern technological societies, the dominant conviction is that things go wrong only because we have used the wrong technique. In the age of "back to the drawing board", the traditional wisdom survives only in the deeper pessimism of graffiti, and peripheral humour about Murphy's Law.

The result is that genuine wisdom is lost to us, and the best we can generally manage is a political process in which silliness is mitigated by a decent stupidity. These are the two self-cancelling dimensions of folly in modern societies; in earlier times they used to be associated with the rhythms of city and country life. The farmer was stolid and suspicious of anything new, the city dweller victimized by his lust for pleasure and novelty. Since the pursuit of novelty is an unavoidable condition of the modern life we have evolved, silliness can no longer be dismissed as mere silliness. It is, rather, a necessary suspension of our grip on the concrete in order to explore and experiment with each new abstract vision that takes our fancy.

It is tempting to think that silliness was invented by the philosophers — themselves one of



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the early products of the evolution of fawns. Certainly it has been for centuries a commonplace that, as Descartes put it, there is no opinion so foolish that it has not been espoused by one philosopher or another. And for sheer, unmitigated rip-roaring silliness, it is hard to beat intellectuals. Bertrand Russell was a supreme example. He once defined truth as "what the police require you to tell". In a graduate essay, he commended the Indian custom of suttee with the rhetorical question: "Why waste the means of sustenance on one who can serve no longer for the preservation of the species?"

Like Marx, who thought that with a bit of dialectic one could prove anything, Russell was given to evading his critics by inventing subtleties. An exponent of preventive atomic warfare in middle life, he ended up tottering along at the head of CND processions. He added immensely to the gaiety of life, but only the very silly would have taken him seriously in matters of practical politics.

If it is intellectuals who largely produce the stock of silliness in our civilization, it is newspapers that distribute it. There is a journalistic convention by which the high tide of summer is called the "silly season" as supposedly the only time when trivialities are blown up out of all proportion. In fact, everyone knows that the salesmen of silliness work at full blast all the year round. Who now remembers that "glaring absence" of Nancy Reagan from the Reykjavik summit, which, according to journalists only a few months ago, "banded" Raisa Gorbachev another stunning victory in the Soviet effort to change its image in the outside world?

Silliness is not, of course, merely a procession of frivolities that amuse the consumer. The whole point is that it is taken with dreadful seriousness by many people, and it can have dreadful consequences. It can kill. During the last CND campaign, which briefly monopolized our thoughts

with apocalyptic imagery of imminent nuclear destruction, one man was inspired to do away with his family in order to save them from the next Holocaust.

The essence of silliness is pretentiousness. The silly are those comic figures who are always trying to be more impressive than their wits allow, and the result is mispronunciation, malapropism, the misuse of technical words (like "paranoid" and "schizophrenia") and all the other tell-tale signs that reveal human capacities are being overstretched. A democratic society is an open invitation to political silliness, because it encourages everybody to have opinions.

So far as 1986 was concerned, there can be little doubt that South Africa provided the supreme arena for every kind of silliness going. Most people have only one piece of its immensely complicated cultural jigsaw — namely, the true moral proposition that the local form of apartheid is unjust. Without even the experience of running the proverbial wheel stall, however, they pontificate about what its rulers ought to do.

Now is this a type of folly to which only the man in the street is prone. Politicians in other countries, no doubt, taking a holiday from the strains of local political difficulties that they cannot manage, have also weighed in with helpful advice. It is always foolish, Burke insisted, to hazard paper plans except from a position of responsibility — but such restraint is so negative. It does not commend itself to a set of eager, positive, benevolent — above all, impatient — world improvers.

One of the dominant forms of silliness in the modern world has been the propensity to imitate the practices of neighbouring nations who are imagined to be more successful than we are. Hobbes diagnosed this form of silliness back in 1651, going so far as to attribute the English Civil War to

people who supposed that they "needed no more to grow rich, than to change, as they (the Dutch) had done, the form of their government". For, as Hobbes added, "the constitution of man's nature is of itself subject to desire of novelty". The great success of the British, however, came in the 18th and early 19th centuries, when they became rich, as it were, by accident; in sticking to their liberal ways and rejecting that nationalist passion for the centralized direction of the state's affairs that was sweeping the Continent during this time.

What tends to upset the balance between silliness and stupidity in contemporary politics is that a great deal of silliness takes a moralizing form. In a confusing world, some people — especially the young — think they can solve all their problems of judgement by scurrying to the refuge of moral absolutes. Clean hands become a substitute for the riskiness of wise and prudent policies. Silliness is essentially an abstract idea affirmed in defiance of its context and background. The silly are those who think that life should be a continuous string of successes; while the stupid understand that every success will certainly be soon overtaken by events.

This is why Nietzsche, the great homoerotic intellectual, remarked that stupidity was the condition of life and growth, because it involved concentrating on "immediate tasks and limited horizons".

In Aubrey Menen's *Rama Re-told*, the princely young hero wins his bride and regains his throne with the help of a wise and sceptical sage. At the end, the young prince chides the sage for his universal scepticism. Is there nothing at all which he believes to be real? Certainly, replies the sage: the gods, human folly, and laughter, and since the first two are insurmountable, there is only the third. Even if we can no longer be wise, we can at least imitate the wise by laughing at folly.

perhaps their disasters would have been less catastrophic.

In addition, statutory regulations require a national commitment to monitoring compliance with their standards. Progress is not simply a measure of mechanical competence. It includes an ability to formulate a coherent response to failure. It requires a package of international legislation that will organize procedures for notification and assistance in case of chemical emergency. And it should include a programme to alert local people to the chemicals with which they live and to help limit the dangers facing them.

The United Nations Environment Programme is proposing such a package. The extent to which the international community and industry are willing to join in may be the best measure of the world's ability to break out of its cycle of forgetfulness.

Mostafa K. Tolba

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Ronald Butt

# A marginal majority

There are moments when I tend to feel marginalized. There may be readers who lead sheltered lives and do not know what that means. Since the word is buzzing, and I understand from a colleague that it has even entered the American Catholic bishops' encyclicals, I shall try to explain using an example, taken from a culinary article in *The Guardian*, across the countenance of whose readers, I suppose, not a smile flickered.

The subject was the protest of a black lady who, having been seized of the merits of black cooking on a tour of the Caribbean and Africa, now runs a co-operative restaurant with Caribbean and African dishes. "Food," she told her interviewer, "is an integral part of people's identity." Having correctly remarked on its relationship to culture and celebration, she went on: "Yet in Britain this is marginalized for black people."

Note the passive voice. It is marginalized for black people. But by whom? The culprit, it seems, are such institutions as schools, hospitals and canyons — which, people, they are not taking the black diet into account." That raises an interesting question. The schools, so we are told, are starved of books, and the hospitals cannot afford enough junior doctors, or to keep wards open. Yet they should find the money for special black cookery, presumably of many varieties: African and Caribbean, Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan, for in race relations terms, if not in their own, they are all classified as black. For myself I don't see why the Chinese cookery should be left out.

The argument was also advanced, perhaps correctly, that "black food" — yams and plantains were examples given — are healthier than Western junk food. But the nub of the matter was expressed in a sentence that encapsulates so much more than black cookery. "When you marginalize a person's food you do the same to them. So when I see black food being marginalized, then I feel I too am being marginalized as a black person."

Now you will be as unclear as I am about who is responsible for this atrocious marginalization, and how many varieties of black cookery would be needed to put a stop to it. The argument was slightly spotty at the end of the article: "So far, most of the restaurant clients have been white and while Rosamund is happy with this... she hopes the number of black customers will increase." Who, I wonder, is keeping them away?

On one level, of course, it is funny. Yet it is anything but a joke. For while millions of "black" people in Britain are integrating themselves into British society without apparent discontent, great effort is devoted to instructing them to feel marginalized if they do. The complaint that they are deliberately being deprived of all their food and culture if it isn't institutionally provided — "Black

people should not be cut off from traditional black food", said the heading — is explicable only in terms of the campaign against alleged racism, which stirs resentment in both whites and blacks.

One profoundly disquieting effect is that the majority begins to feel marginalized by the arbiters of intellectual fashion, and not only about racial matters. There is increasing concern among the majority about the extent to which its traditional values are being undermined, and the lack of roast beef in hospitals is nothing to do with it. Those who live under the rule of hard-left boroughs — whose activities Mr Kinnock cloaks with the euphemism zealotry — feel marginalized by attitudes towards the academic and moral education of their children which undermine the values of learning and the family. Many Asian and black people share this anxiety.

There must be millions more who feel marginalized by Norman Fowler's repulsive and sick Aids ads. Now we all know what he means and the minorities he is primarily addressing. But he doesn't feel able to address them outright, let alone make such a simple "judgemental" but correct statement as "Promiscuity causes Aids". Instead, the nation, sitting in its family circles, is told on television that the more sexual "partners" — another marginalizing word — it has, the greater the risk. The implication is that multiple partnerships are nothing out of the ordinary, while the street ads eschew the vocabulary of the majority for the argot "gay or straight". The nation is addressed in terms as patronizing and as unsuitable as they are irrelevant.

The majority also feels marginalized by the judge's sentences in the Baring rape case, and by the refusal of the Home Secretary to accept the view of many in his own party that the prosecution should have the right of appeal against soft sentences. Again, the majority's "progressive" opinion marginalizes the majority. In much the same way, a great many people feel marginalized by the refusal of so many sophisticated influential places to accept evidence of a causal link between pornography and rape, and who will not even concede that if they could be convinced of a link they would agree to strengthen the obscenity law.

Older values are worth something. They are old because they have been tested in the furnace of time and have survived. What the majority thinks is not always wrong; if it were, why do we have a democratic franchise? And if the majority is, on the whole, sensible, why is it so persistently snubbed and marginalized? The majority now has cause to feel a great deal more marginalized than those who are not being institutionally fed with yams and plantains.

If the triumph of unrepresentative campaigns goes on, there will barely be standing room for all those crowding the margin of our society.

Paul Pickering

# In trivial pursuit of Miss Ross

The game absolutely everyone in the Okay-Yah set is playing on the Swiss ski slopes and which could soon sweep the pistes worldwide is Find Diana Ross. "There she goes!" yelled Georgiana as we sped off in pursuit and caught our quarry poised at the top of a precipitous run, glistening in a fetching red ski suit.

"Excuse me for asking, but are you the famous singer, film star and all-round entertainer Diana Ross who on the Tanna Motown label dazzled us with such hits as *Baby Love*, accompanied by your incomparable backing group The Supremes?" I asked casually, a little breathless. (Georgiana was ready to record the moment on film as a small crowd, who were also looking for the soul legend, slid to a halt nearby.)

"I'm so sorry," said the dusky vision in crimson. "But I work for the World Development Bank in Geneva. Perhaps if you try a little further up the mountain."

The pack swished off to the cable-car bubble without a moment's pause. But then, if you did tarry long enough to assess the value of looking for a female rock singer on a Swiss alp it could give you vertigo.

The best alpine games have never exactly taxed the intellect for the Kensington-on-ice set who play them. A firm favourite for years has been Poubelle-ing, where the practitioners dress from head to toe in black plastic refuse sacks and chuck themselves over the edge of a steep drop. A high-pitched nasal whine, on the way down, an indication of an expensive education, is nowadays only optional.

After removing several layers of skin from one's bottom Poubelle-ing, it is exceedingly uncomfortable to play Dead Ant. It is psychologically painful to play Dead Ant at the best of times. Suddenly, usually in the confines of someone like the hideously exclusive Farm Club in Verbier, a Hooray Henry shouts "Dead Ant", whereupon they all throw themselves down on their backs and wave their legs in the air.

The Duchess of York is fondly remembered at the disco here for

her moving interpretation of the Dead Ant.

Find Diana Ross seemed positively intellectual after this. The game owes its origins to the fact that a month or so ago the songstress is said to have moved to the Verbier area. As with the legendary Yeti of the Himalayas or Big Foot of the Rocky Mountains, no one has yet 100 per cent definitely seen her slipping down the slopes in evening glides and a gold lamé dress. However, this merely adds to the mystery.

Poor Sebastian, one of Georgiana's friends, was actually asked to leave a restaurant as he could not stop his ski trousers from steaming alarmingly, so ardent had been his pursuit of the illusory Diana.

I personally felt foul of another hazard. On thinking I had sighted Miss Ross from the ski bubble taking me up the mountain, the excitement was too much. I stood up and pointed at a black female figure far below. Without a hat on, my hair became instantly frozen to the roof of the car. We had to go round again twice with fellow Ross-seekers blowing on the deeply frozen strands, much to the suspicion of the lift attendants who thought this very lowly before I was able to detach myself and resume the hunt for Diana. Such antics are not for the bald.

Two dancers, a hairdresser from Birmingham and a chiropodist's wife from Lyons later, the hunt had still not netted Diana.

"Wouldn't it be great if one had a proper skiing board-game," said a girl called Melinda afterwards. "A bit like Trivial Pursuit, though one would have to have a goal." But the whole point with Find Diana Ross is not so much discovering Diana but eternally pursuing her, as splendidly trivial as skiing itself.

But then, just as you are resigned to the fact that it is all meaningless, that Diana Ross could not possibly be on the ski slopes, there is another sighting and it becomes a deadly serious life-affirming quest.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart, Miss Ross, for a new dimension to my life. I know you're out there... somewhere.





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## GLASNOST AND THE GULAG

They began to return in the 1950s, grey and gaunt, their speech attuned to the argot of the camps. They recognized each other by their haunted gaze, by a spiritual depth born of deprivation. They were the denizens of another Soviet world: a world of dawn marches and permafrost, scanned by searchlights and guarded day and night.

They were the among the first beneficiaries of Nikita Khrushchev's post-Stalin thaw, and they provided the images and the information which have damned the Soviet Union ever since. Now, more than 30 years later, there is hope that the gulag archipelago — which has been replenished time and again by the guardians of Soviet orthodoxy — might be starting to shrink.

Sceptics point out that the 140 political prisoners released — or even double or triple that number — represent but a fraction of the number unjustly imprisoned in the Soviet Union. They interpret the releases as a well-timed gesture to Western public opinion, another example of Mr Gorbachev's mastery of the presentational art.

The Soviet leader's admirers, on the other hand, are already interpreting the releases as evidence that Mr Gorbachev is a General Secretary of a new type, a real reformer. Already, they are looking to a Soviet Union without political prisoners. The reality is probably more complicated, and it calls for a wiser response than outright rejection or acclamation.

The number of prisoners released so far, when set against the estimated 4,000 political prisoners in the Soviet Union, is small. There has not been a general amnesty, nor have the releases so

far extended beyond a narrow circle of political dissenters. The beneficiaries are predominantly Russian intellectuals who, like Academician Sakharov, supported the Helsinki agreement and tried to hold the Soviet Union to its provisions. Religious dissenters and Jewish activists are conspicuous by their absence.

Insofar as the releases have a rationale, it seems to be Mr Gorbachev's professed belief that "he who is not against us is for us". In other words, he appears to be trying to end the disaffection of the intelligentsia which has so hindered the country's recent economic development.

Recent criticism of the KGB for operating outside the law, attention to formerly taboo areas of history like the persecution of scholars in the 1920s, pledges of greater freedom for writers and artists and the possibility of senior posts for non-communists — all suggest a desire by the authorities to harness the intelligentsia to their cause. Above all, the return to Moscow of Dr Sakharov, a symbol for many of the plight of the Soviet intelligentsia, suggests the possibility of a new start. It also offers the prospect of greater freedom in future, if only for distinguished and well-meaning critics.

How genuine this change is will only become clear with time, but certain tests can be applied. Will people be allowed to travel in the West, speak their mind when they are there and return home without sacrificing their freedom? Will they be able to travel without leaving their families hostage in the Soviet Union? Will non-communists be given positions of real influence or will they just be token representatives on state bodies?

Will the gulag itself become with time an acceptable subject for discussion and criticism? And what of the clauses in the penal code which relate to anti-state activity? Will they be erased when the penal code is reformed — and if they are, will the offence itself cease to exist? There are many other charges, from hooliganism to treason, which have been brought against political dissenters.

If anti-state activity really ceases to be an offence during Mr Gorbachev's period in office, that will be a sign of maturity and progress in a state that still suffers from a deep sense of inferiority. If the Soviet leadership can demonstrate to itself that criticism will not cause the state to collapse, and that given an opportunity to travel, most Soviet citizens will choose to return home, that is to be welcomed.

Winning the Russian intelligentsia for the sake of a stronger Soviet Union is one thing, however, a freer and more democratic Soviet state quite another. It is possible that the one might lead eventually to the other. The West must carefully calibrate its response to give the Soviet leader an incentive to continue, welcoming the releases as only one step down the right road. If, however, the voices of religious dissenters, would-be Jewish emigrants and those who campaign for the rights of their national groups remain unheard, the latest releases will amount to little more than a public relations exercise.

In that event, the gulag archipelago will stand as a reminder of the what Mr Gorbachev and the Soviet state were unable to do without. It must not be forgotten.

## END OF TERMS

Teachers in England and Wales are being urged by the two TUC-affiliated unions which represent three-quarters of them to vote next week for a renewed and apparently indefinite campaign of classroom disruption. That would be bad enough but, as things stand, members of the National Union of Teachers and the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers are being invited to vote yes on the blissful assumption that they will still get their 16.4 per cent pay rise if they do.

If that does not seem surprising, it is because it has now become a British tradition that employees who are offered rises with strings take the money and hang the conditions. But this time it cannot be, and the sooner the Government says so the better.

Last autumn, Mr Baker persuaded the Cabinet to approve an extra £608 million for teachers' pay on the strict understanding that peace would be restored to schools which had by then suffered two years of unmitigated misery. Let us recall some of the details: a million teaching days were lost by strikes; countless lessons were abandoned because teachers refused to cover

for those who were absent; homework, never a strong point in many comprehensive schools, went out of the window; teachers would not meet to discuss essential changes to the curriculum; out-of-class activities like sports and hobbies came to a complete halt; and headteachers reported mounting indiscipline.

The education of millions of children suffered in a multitude of ways, some of which will never be measured. So much is clear from the reports now being published by Her Majesty's Inspectors on the schools they visited during the first year of what the teachers, who like to think of themselves as members of a profession, call "industrial action".

Finally, after two years of hand-wringing by Sir Keith Joseph, the economic wall was breached. Through it came Mr Baker with a small pot of gold, amounting to an average pay increase of 25 per cent over the two years to this October. Attached to it was a new (and long-overdue) promotion structure and a 19-point contract spelling out a teachers' duties; nothing radical, simply the things that teachers have always done except when it suits them not to and they

withdraw what they call their goodwill.

Mr Baker then offered the teachers and their local education authorities a choice between either accepting the package, or something very like it, or having it imposed on them, in which case they would lose their discredited and useless negotiating committee. The teachers plumped for the latter and Parliament is now in the process of giving Mr Baker the powers he needs to implement the settlement.

As things stand, the moment the Teachers Pay and Conditions Bill receives the Royal Assent, Mr Baker will hasten to pay the first half of the rise, 8.2 per cent backdated to January 1. But can he seriously contemplate that if teachers vote in the meanwhile to continue the disruption which the offer was supposed to end? Should he not make clear now, before the balloting even begins, that the whole deal is off if they vote yes?

Unhappily, the Secretary of State is in Hong Kong at present and his department seems paralysed. The sooner it pays heed to the awakening outrage on the Government's backbenches the better — for pupils, parents and indeed the entire education service.

## RENAISSANCE ITALY

Italy's prime minister, on his current visit to London, has tactfully played down the prospect of Italy's output and living standards overtaking Britain's this year. But Signor Craxi is not so reticent at home, as he prepares to step down from leading the coalition government.

Passing Britain is seen as a telling symbol for the average Italian voter of the success of the economic policies pursued by his Government. After all, Britain started the industrial revolution and bought a number of Italy's treasures with the proceeds.

For the British, being overtaken is an equal psychological shock, though we may pretend not to notice. While Italy's fast cars, stylish clothes and high tech washing machines are highly regarded, we still prefer to patronize the Italians as comical, emotional and disorganized, full of talent but lacking the sterner stuff.

Fortunately for British self-regard, as many statisticians claim Italy still has a little catching up to do as the reverse. The apparent advance of Italy in some respects is dismissed as a statistical side effect of sterling's rapid recent decline against the Lira. When the pound reached its nadir against the dollar two years

ago, Hong Kong living standards were briefly neck and neck with British only to sink back — no doubt temporarily. Whatever the exact positions in the league tables of living standards — and neither make the top ten of industrial countries — it is clear that Italy's economy is much more dynamic than Britain's. This is not a reflection of years of superior economic policy. Britain and Italy for long shared the European wooden spoon for high borrowing, high inflation and an entrenched wage spiral.

Indeed, a record of which Signor Craxi is justly proud mirrors Mrs Thatcher's own battle to dissolve this legacy. Italy has cut inflation below the current British level by comparable means, although Italy has much further to go in disciplining its Budget and breaking down rigidities in its recorded economy.

In part, greater dynamism can be explained by Italy's previous backwardness. Milan factories have drawn cheap labour from the poor South and from a much larger peasantry. In this sense, Italy has benefited more from the European Community, which has cushioned the burden of an inefficient peasant farming

sector Britain which Britain no longer possesses. Also, the sheer incompetence of much of Italy's bureaucracy may have forced businessmen to fend for themselves — not least through the vigorous black economy.

Even when such special factors have been taken into account, however, the secret of Italy's growing success is the sheer energy and productivity of its manufacturing industry. A British comparison published in the National Institute Economic Review — which alerted Italians to their change of status — puts great stress on this vitality. Out of a similar population, almost four million fewer are officially in the labour force, but they are more productive. One comparison, output per man in manufacturing, was 50 per cent higher than in Britain. Moreover, Italian businessmen have been far quicker to seize export opportunities from the Gulf to China.

By providing a more rational financial background, therefore, Signor Craxi has unleashed the natural energy of the economy. Mrs Thatcher has provided an economy fit for venturers, to find as yet a comparative shortage of those willing to venture.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Righting the Middle East balance

From Sir John Barnes

Sir, Few of the few people in this country who have lived and worked in both Lebanon and Israel and one who has great sympathy with both countries, it is intensely depressing to read the oversimplified letters (February 6) from the Lebanese Ambassador and from Mr Michael Adams and others.

It is easy to be controversial and to attribute the whole blame to one party to a problem. But it is simply not true that all the troubles of Lebanon today derive from cooperatively recent Israeli actions. Nor is it accurate to suggest that Jews, or Zionists, are the only oppressors in the Middle East. Roger Sedgwick, in your same issue, seems to make a deeper and more objective analysis.

Quite apart from the secular conflict of Christian and Moslem in the region, with the Druze schism dating from the eleventh century, which have left a bitter and tangled legacy of sectarian strife, the more modern problems of the area spring from the dissolution of the Ottoman Empire, and specifically the Sykes-Picot Agreement. The period of British and French rule only served to encourage intrigue and irresponsibility among the governed.

The attempt to establish a United Kingdom of Syria under the Emir Feisal in 1920 failed pitifully, but Syria has never since accepted the separate autonomy of Lebanon. From the time Lebanon achieved formal independence in 1944, her status quo has been subject to constant challenge, even from political enemies within Lebanon itself, aimed at a "Greater Syria" or, more politely put, the unity of the Fertile Crescent. None of this had anything to do with Israel.

Nor today has the Iran-Iraq war, which is motivated by geographical and economic rivalries and by religious tensions between Shia and Sunni. Indeed, these are the stresses which have led to many of the troubles within Lebanon itself. Some of the hostages there, for

## Pressure points on green belt

From Mr Roger Schaffir

Sir, I read David Nicholson-Lord's centre-page article (January 29) on a train while riding through the dreary, depressing sprawl of Milton Keynes. Is this what he wants more of?

British towns and cities are of extremely low density compared to those of most other countries — later that day I was looking at Birmingham and the Black Country, and the great open gaps between bits of housing, industry and shopping centres. I find incredible the Housing Research Foundation's claim that no more than 20 per cent of new housing needs can be met by building inside existing conurbation.

For sure, one wants new houses to be as spacious as possible. But the most obvious thing one notices about most post-war housing estates is how wasteful of space they are, and in a way that adds nothing of genuine room for their inhabitants. Typically, 50 yards of unattractive semi-grassland separates one straggling group of houses from a road, from where it is another 50 yards to the next group of houses.

The overall effect is of being in a big nothingness, neither town nor country, not really anywhere at all. For one would far prefer a real living city for my environment — with the knowledge that there is genuine countryside outside for me to go to when I want.

Another unpersuasive claim is that the green belt has turned out to be unnecessary to prevent endless ribbon development and sprawl. Drive around the countryside near London for a while and you will see the signs of unrelenting pressure barely held in check: houses half-hidden down every lane, behind every field, everywhere in fact where the builders have been able to get past the planning regulations.

It may be good news that less land is now needed for food production. But the last conclusion to be drawn is that a lot more countryside should be released for building. Let more become country parkland, or turned over to wild commons, but accessible to a population living in compact cities. Mr Nicholson-Lord seems to want a vast sub-suburbia, which would be ghastly.

Yours faithfully,  
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January 30.

## Plainer English

From Mr Daniel Greenberg

Sir, Mr Justice Staughton (report, February 7) finds the formality of courtroom language irksome and unnecessary. It is my respectful submission that the learned judge labours under a misconception as to how and why such language comes to be used. Or, if he really wants plain speaking, he's missed the point.

Courtroom etiquette is not for the benefit of the judge. He has no need of it. From the High Court bench he could not fail to appreciate the importance, and the fragility, of the legal process over which he presides, if he tried to.

For others without the benefit of his lofty view, formalities help to induce the feelings of respect for and fear of the law which it deserves and upon which its efficiency ultimately depends.

It seems to me that today the law commands too little, not too great a respect. The sobering formality of the courtroom, gross archaisms excluded, is intended to preserve the dignity of the law, not of the judge, who consequently has no right to waive it.

Yours faithfully,  
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## Silence on Ulster

From Mr Des Keenan

Sir, Mr Uilleigh, in his article on the Hillsborough agreement (February 2), omits one vital factor. The agreement could have worked. If the SDLP leadership had promptly announced that it was extending the hand of friendship, and as sign of sincerity, was encouraging its members to co-operate with the security forces, there could possibly have been grounds for building on the agreement.

Their failure is all the more culpable in that the leaders of the SDLP were the only people, apart from the two governments, who had advance notice of the contents of the agreement.

As it was, the silence of SDLP leaders on this crucial issue thundered and re-thundered round Northern Ireland, if you will excuse the metaphor. The signal was "No change" and "Not an inch".

Yours sincerely,  
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sought in the interests of electoral parity.

How pusillanimous! There is no logical reason why Scotland and Wales should be favoured with electorates on average only about 80 per cent of the size of those in England and Northern Ireland. One can only despair at the unwillingness of the committee to tackle such blatant and unneeded discrimination.

Yours faithfully,  
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## Worlds apart

From Dr Clive J. Christie

Sir, In his speech at the Young Conservative conference over the weekend, Kenneth Baker attacked, among other things, the teaching of "Third World politics" in schools.

I would accept that an understanding and awareness of the world beyond Europe must take second place to the demands of a core curriculum. What I deplore, however, is the implication in Mr Baker's attack that study of the Third World (for convenience, I will use Mr Baker's somewhat dubious term) must necessarily be subversive, left-wing and lacking in intellectual rigour.

This is a generally-held view and it is enormously damaging in educational terms. Because the Third World is seen as a left-wing enclave, it is almost completely ignored in traditional schools (the vast majority, in my experience), and consequently the only information that schoolchildren will get about the Third World will all be from one-sided opinionated and one-sided sources.

The result is obvious and deplorable. School-leavers either have a sentimental and fuzzy view of the Third World, or no view at all beyond a flurry of television impressions and a set of ready-

## War and morals

From Professor A. M. Parrent

Sir, The arguments of Mr Frank Barnaby on February 5 in support of a "low-threshold" nuclear test ban treaty reveal, if nothing else, the severely curtailed moral vision of the professional arms controllers who continue to advocate a policy of mutual assured destruction (MAD).

Mr Barnaby makes it quite clear that he supports a low-threshold treaty precisely because it undermines the further development of counterforce weapons which could be directed with accuracy at legitimate military targets. He argues instead for a return to nuclear deterrence policy based on MAD which would be directed intentionally at perhaps 200 cities of a potential enemy nation and the 400 million non-combatant civilians within them.

Does this position stem from sheer ignorance of the very crux of the Western moral tradition concerning the conduct of war, or is it based on a conscious decision to cast that tradition aside in deference to what appears to be a vulgar utilitarian calculus? Whatever the reason, the position defended by Mr Barnaby, well-intentioned though it may be, runs roughshod over some of the very values he presumably would wish to defend.

Rather than an intentional and morally unacceptable counterpopulation strategy, Mr Barnaby

## Unequal seating

From Professor R. J. Johnston

Sir, I received today the report of the Home Affairs Committee, "A Redistribution of Seats". The Press release with it quotes the Chairman, Sir Edward Gardner, as saying: "This is a major report on which we hope the Government will act."

One of the recommendations is that the number of constituencies should be held at: England, 68,700; Scotland, 55,100; Wales, 56,400; Northern Ireland, 63,400.

The committee writes that in our judgement it would not be feasible on political grounds to change the rules so as to provide a uniform electoral quota for the whole United Kingdom. In essence we believe that Scotland and Wales would successfully resist any change in the number of seats which was

than 38; Northern Ireland, not more than 18.

What this will do is maintain major differences between the countries in terms of the number of electors per MP, which the committee records for 1985 as: England, 68,700; Scotland, 55,100; Wales, 56,400; Northern Ireland, 63,400.

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Giovanni Maria Mastai-Ferretti was born on Mar. 13, 1792. Scenigaglia, Italy. On June 16, 1846, he was elected Pope following the death of Gregory XVI. He died on February 7, 1878. His pontificate is the longest — 31 years, 236 days. On March 3, 1878, Gioacchino Pecci was elected Pope, taking the name of Leo XIII.

## THE LATE POPE AND THE CONCLAVE

(From Our Special Correspondent)

ROME, Feb. 8.

Pius IX. is dead. We have to record an event which has long been looked forward to, upon which man has speculated with anxious and even unbecoming curiosity, the consequences of which have been the theme of endless premature conjectures. A life deemed for many years precarious and hanging by a thread, prolonged beyond limits prescribed to it by supernatural tradition which was held as immutable as fate, and preserved by what seemed to pious minds a miracle, wrought by an inscrutable, special Providential intervention, and for a hidden purpose, has at last followed the common course of all human lives. Death, though often disappointed, has ultimately not been balked of its prey. The Pope who has outlived all but four of the Cardinals who sat in Conclave at his election, who has survived more than a hundred of the members of the Sacred College of his own creation, who has witnessed the death and burial of nearly all the Sovereigns and statesmen on whose friendship he relied, or whose amity he requited with blessings and prayers, who has celebrated the anniversaries of all the salient incidents in his mortal career, "seeing" the years of Peter's pontificate in Rome, and not without hope of exceeding the period of Peter's pontificate in Antioch, lies at this moment dead at the Vatican, only 29 days after the decease of the King who had made himself at home in the Quirinal. There is now mourning in Rome both among Greeks and Ghibelines. The Prince, who till yesterday flaunted gay colours and was preparing to throw open their drawing-rooms for Carnival revels with ostentatious disregard of popular feelings, will have to put on sackcloth and ashes and attune their voices to the notes of common sorrow. The King is dead and his son reigns in his place. The Pope is no more and another has to be made.

The announcement of the Pope's death in former times, when the Pontiff was a temporal Sovereign, was made by tolling not the bell of the Vatican but that of the Capitol, a bell of great historical importance, as it was taken by the Romans from the rival city of Viterbo, in the heat of their medieval feuds, in 1200, and called the *Paterina*, or the heretic, as a reproach to the heterodoxy of the Viterbese, and it used to be under the control of the Senator of Rome, who allowed it to be used only on the mournful occasion of a Pope's death, or the merrier ones of the opening of the Carnival. The Roman Municipality, at whose head is now the Vice-Syndic, Emanuele Ruspoli, would gladly have complied with any request or order they might receive about the tolling of this bell; but the rulers at the Vatican were seemingly bent on keeping the Pope's death as an event *en famille*, and, I said, anything connected with it, as far as we outside spectators were concerned, was mere guess-work. Were the ceremonies observed on the demise of a Pope to be in this instance as they were in former times, we should expect the authority of the Secretary of State, Cardinal Simeoni, to be at an end and everything within the Palace to be at the beck of the Camerlengo, Cardinal Pecci. It was, as we learn from books on the Conclave, for the Cardinal Penitentiary to attend the dying Pontiff in his last moments, though assisted by the Pope's Confessor, if wanted; the Extreme Unction had to be administered by the Sacristan of the Pope's private chapel. Upon death ensuing, the Cardinal Secretary of State was bound to convey the information to the Camerlengo, who from that moment became the Vice-Pope, the sole supreme ruler within and without the Palace. It was for him to repair to the Pope's death chamber, to knock at the door with a silver mallet, and, upon receiving no answer, to creep up to the dishevelled and "nap the corpse on the forehead, fall on his knees before the motionless body, and pronounce the words: "Dormis Papa meus mortuus est..."

Star parts

From Commander David Aldrich, RN (retd)

Sir, The answer to Mrs Johnstone's query (February 5) about the future of astronomy is that if three or four bright stars are looking for jobs the odds are relatively favourable. If, however, there are 3,000 of the brightest academics in the country hoping for one of these positions in the firmament the odds could be said to be astronomically against success.

Upon leaving the Royal Navy in 1982 I discovered that I had a one in 439 chance of being selected to run the Royal Bath and West showground and a one in 234 chance of becoming the Bursar at King's School, Brunton. I therefore generated two supernovae and am, therefore, now.

Yours faithfully,  
DAVID ALDRICH  
(Cidermaker, Rosies Cider, and Marketing Director, Questours),  
Lanford,  
Wincanton, Somerset.











## THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

This selective guide to entertainment and events throughout Britain will appear from Monday to Friday, followed in the Saturday section by a preview of the week ahead. Items for inclusion should be sent to The Times Information Service, PO Box 7, 1 Virginia Street, London E1 9XN

BOOKING KEY  
★ Seats available  
★ Returns only

THEATRE  
LONDON

★ **THE AMEN CORNER:** Powerful James Baldwin drama of a Harlem preacher facing revolt in congregation and race. Nuffield Theatre, 250 Tottenham High Road, NW6 (01-838 8828). Tue: 7.30-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-11.15pm, matinee Sat 2.30-5.15pm. £12-15. Until Feb 28.

★ **CABARET:** Muddled revival of this musical tale of 1930s Berlin. Toyah Wilcox meets Steve Scafe. Strand Theatre, The Strand, WC2 (01-838 4143/5190). Tue: Charing Cross/Covered Garden, Mon to Thurs 7.30-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-11.15pm, matinee Fri and Sat 2.30-5.15pm. £12-15. Until Feb 18.

★ **CHORUS OF DISAPPROVAL:** Cockney transfer from the NT: how to break hearts and break havoc by being tremendously good-natured. Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3661). Mon to Sat 7.30-10.15pm, matinee Wed and Sat 2.30-5.15pm. £12-15. Until March 7.

★ **DAVE ALLEN LIVE:** Last week to catch this relaxed look at life. Albany Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-838 3878). Mon to Sat 7.30-10.15pm, matinee Wed 2.30-5.15pm. £12-15. Until Feb 14.

★ **GHOSTS:** Vanessa Redgrave in peak form in Ibsen's unnerving masterpiece. Wyndham's Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 3028). Mon to Sat 7.30-10.15pm, matinee Wed 2.30-5.15pm. £12-15. Until Feb 14.

★ **THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA:** Glenda Jackson and John Wood in Lorca's grim drama of female sexual frustration. A joint venture of the NT and the Lyric. Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3661). Mon to Sat 7.30-10.15pm, matinee Wed 2.30-5.15pm. £12-15. Until March 7.

★ **KING LEAR:** Anthony Hopkins' violent old man pre-eminent in a mighty production. National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, London SE1 (01-836 8228). Tue to Sat 7.30-10.15pm, matinee Wed 2.30-5.15pm. £12-15. Until March 14.

★ **THE MAINTENANCE MAN:** John Alderton plays a dim husband worried by his women. Comedy Theatre, Farnham Street, SW1 (01-830 2274). Mon to Sat 7.30-10.15pm, matinee Fri and Sat 2.30-5.15pm. £12-15. Until Feb 14.

## BEST SELLING BOOKS

For the week ending February 7

FICTION			
1 Windmill of the Gods, Sidney Sheldon	Collins	£10.95	
2 The Janus Man, Colin Forbes	Collins	£10.95	
3 Red Storm Rising, Tom Clancy	Collins	£10.95	
4 Cassidy, Morris West	Hodder	£10.95	
5 Whitehall, James Clavell	Hodder	£12.95	
NON-FICTION			
1 Don't Ask the Price, Marcus Siffert	Weidenfeld	£14.95	
2 The Story of the P, O, D and S Howarth	Weidenfeld	£15.00	
3 Steel and Gold, Andrew Salmon	Hodder	£15.00	
4 The Fatal Shore, Robert Hughes	Collins	£15.00	
5 Between the Woods and the Water, Farrow	Murray	£15.95	
PAPERBACKS			
1 The Jaguar Smile, Salman Rushdie	Picador	£2.95	
2 Lie Down with Lions, Ken Follet	Corgi	£2.95	
3 Rumple's Last Case, John Mortimer	Penguin	£2.95	
4 The Name of the Rose, Umberto Eco	Picador	£2.95	
5 A Taste for Death, P. D. James	Picador	£2.95	
6 Runaway, Lucy Irvine	Penguin	£2.95	
7 The Mosquito Coast, Paul Theroux	Penguin	£2.95	
8 The Fringes of Power, John Galsworthy	Pan	£2.95	
9 Break in, Dick Francis	Pan	£2.95	
10 The Cellnet Guide 1987, Egon Ronay	AA	£2.95	

Source: Hatchards, 187 Piccadilly, London W1

## ENTERTAINMENTS

## CONCERTS

**BARCELONA HALL** 8.30pm. The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Claudio Abbado. Programme: Beethoven's 9th Symphony, Brahms' 4th Symphony, Mahler's 5th Symphony. Tickets: £10-25. Tel: 01-262 2222.

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01-830 6262... ★ Stepping Out  
Duke of Yorks Theatre (01-830 6262), 01-836 9837... ★ Times  
Compton Theatre (01-580 8845), 01-536 2429.

## OUT OF TOWN

**DERBY:** ★ *Our Day Out* Willy Russell's calamity-packed school play. Playhouse Theatre, Theatre Walk, Eagle Centre (0332 353275). Mon-Thurs 7.30-9.30pm, Fri and Sat 8.10pm, £12-15. Until March 7.

**GREENWICH:** ★ *The Viewings* Greenpeace's anti-nuclear visitor centre. Greenpeace Theatre, Greenpeace, 100 Greenwich Peninsula, SE18 (01-858 7755). Mon-Sat 7.45-9.50pm, matinee Sat 2.30-4.35pm, £12-15. Until March 14.

**MATINEE:** ★ *Not About Heroes* Stephen McDonald's resonant account of the meeting of the First World War poets Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen. Back Theatre, Grange Road, Hayes, Middx (01-881 7530). Mon to Sat 8.10-10.15pm, matinee Wed 2.30-4.30pm, £12-15. Until Feb 14.

**LEEDS:** ★ *Camille* First performance outside the West End. Playhouse Theatre, Cavalier Street (0532 442111) Mon and Tue 8.10-10.15pm, matinee Wed 2.30-4.30pm, £12-15. Until March 7.

**LEICESTER:** ★ *Orestes/Electra* Obsession and madness in Ancient Greece. Nany Meckler's fresh look at Euripides. Haymarket Theatre, Belgrave Gate (0533 539797). Mon-Thurs 7.45-9.50pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-10.15pm, £12-15. Until Feb 14.

**STRATFORD-UPON-AVON:** ★ *Kiss Me Kate* Paul Jones and Patricia and Nicholas Jones as Petruchio and Kate. The Swan Theatre, Swan Lane (01-522 2222). Tue-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, matinee Sat 2.30-5.15pm, £12-15. Until March 14.

**WINDSOR:** ★ *Shakespeare's Henry: Michael Pennington as Prince Hal and Henry VIII in Michael Bogdanov's trilogy for the English Shakespeare Company. Empire Theatre, High Street West (01-830 4217). Henry IV Part One: Tue-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, matinee Wed 2.30-5.15pm. Henry V Part Two: Tue-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, matinee Wed 2.30-5.15pm. Henry VI Part Three: Tue-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, matinee Wed 2.30-5.15pm. £12-15. Until March 28.*

**YORK:** ★ *Rebecca* Manderley lives again. Will the second Mrs de Winter hold out against the forces of evil? With Tamsin Oliver and Gary Bond. Theatre Royal, St Leonards Place, York (0904 23568). Mon, Tue, and Thurs 7.30-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 8.10-10.15pm, matinee Wed 2.30-5.15pm. £12-15. Until Feb 28.

## FILMS

Also on national release  
★ *Advance booking possible*

**ESCALIER C (15):** A cynical, misanthropic critic finds his correspondence. Based on a prize-winning novel by Elvire Murell. Directed, written, by Jean-Charles Tacchella (101 min). Cannon Baker Street (01-836 9837). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35. Cannon Picture (01-4747). Progs 2.25, 4.30, 6.35, 8.40.

**INSPECTOR LAVARINI (15):** Claude Grollet as his old game, leading the bourgeois in a cynical thriller, with Jean Forêt as the innocent cop pursuing the case of a Catholic priest found naked in a dead on a Brittany beach (103 min). Chelsea Cinema, Kings Road (01-351 3742). Progs 2.25, 4.30, 6.40, 8.55.

**A JUDGEMENT IN STONE (15):** Ruth Rendell's novel about a plain Jane who becomes a killer, carefully filmed in Canada by Gusman Hall. With Rita Tushnet (101 min). Cannon Baker Street (01-836 9837). Progs 3.10, 5.10, 7.20, 9.30.

**JUST BETWEEN FRIENDS (15):** Well-behaved teenager with Mary Tyler Moore as the woman who seduces her from her domestic shell by her husband's infidelity. With Ted Danson, written and directed by Alan Burns (111 min). Cannon Baker Street (01-836 9837). Progs 2.25, 4.30, 6.40, 8.55.



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Irish setters. The Supreme Champion will be announced on Sunday. Over the past 40 years the Cruik have had the edge, last year's champion being an Alredale called Ginger Xmas Card (seen above with co-owner, Mrs Mary Sarah). A spokeswoman from the Kennel Club says: "The winner will be the one who sparkles on the day, obviously a superb dog - and a show-off." Earls Court Centre, Warwick Road, SW5 (01-585 1200). Today, 9am to 7pm; tomorrow, 9am to 6pm; Sat, 9am to 7pm; Sun, 9am to 5.30pm. Admission: adult £4, child £2.



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Farber and David Gordon, are given by Extempore Dance Theatre. Gardner Arts Centre, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton (0273 89661). 7.45-9.30pm, £2.75-4.50.

## OPERA

★ **BANNER OF SEVILLE:** New, small-scale production by Peter Knapp's new young touring company, The Travelling Opera Show. Town & Country Theatre, Town Gate, Reading, Essex (0262 23855). 7.30-9.45pm, £12-15.

★ **CINDERELLA:** Rossini's parody on the fairytale. The Travelling Opera Show. Town & Country Theatre, Town Gate, Reading, Essex (0262 23855). 7.30-9.45pm, £12-15.

## ROCK

★ **THE BOLSHOI:** An imaginative quartet of good-looking boys who need to be a touch more plummy to reach the first division. Celia Bay, Birmingham University, Edgbaston Park Road (021-472 1841). 7.30pm, £2.50.

★ **THE PSYCHEDELIC HURTS:** Consistently acid and short by the press at every stage of the career but their album *Midnight To Midnight* has stirred the charts. Birmingham, Edgbaston, New Street (021-643 6101). 6.45pm, £2.50.

★ **LUTHER VANDROSS:** The soul man continues his sell-out tours for another three nights. Hippodrome, London W1 (01-748 4081). 7pm, £2-10.

## JAZZ

★ **HARRY EDWARDS:** Formerly a featured soloist with the Count Basie band (and Frank Sinatra's favourite trumpeter), Edwards - nicknamed "Sweetie" - plays a trio and later ones with a team led by Bill Le Sage. Pigeon Express, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-836 8228). 8.30pm, £12-15.

★ **JAN GARDNER:** His haunting tone evokes a landscape of tundra and fjords, the popular Norwegian saxophonist brings a unique flavour to jazz. His quartet includes the virtuoso bassist Edvard Ege. Hippodrome, London W1 (01-748 4081). 7pm, £2-10.

## GALLERIES

**GERALD BROOKHURST (1850-1978):** A show surveying the career of the highest paid society portrait painter of the 1930s, now best known for technically brilliant, satirical etchings. Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham (021-253 2534). Mon to Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm, free, until March 28.

**DAVID BOMBARD:** For 20 years after Bombard's death in 1957 he was almost completely forgotten, but is now back in fashion. This show of paintings and drawings coincides with the publication of a new book on the artist by Richard Cork (Yale University Press, £55). Fletcher House, 30 King Street, London SW1 (01-836 9842). Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat, free, until Feb 25.

**AN A-Z OF PRINTS AND DRAWINGS:** There are more than two million items stored in the British Museum printroom, many of which are rarely, if ever, seen. This show focuses on them. British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-836 1558). Mon to Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm, free, until May 25.

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Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, University of East Anglia, Norwich (0693-56161). Tues to Sun 12-5pm, closed Monday, 50p, until May 3.

**BRUCE NAUMAN:** This mid-career American artist has been inadequately shown in Britain until now but his best known sculptures and installations made from colour and metal tubing. Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (01-377 5515). Tues and Thurs to Sun 11-5pm, Wed 12-5pm, closed Monday, free, until March 8.

## TALKS

**EVOLUTIONARY EPISTEMOLOGY:** THE CINDELLA OF THE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES? Lunchtime lecture by Dr H.C. Plotkin, lecturer in Psychology. Darwin Theatre, University College London, Gower Street, London WC1 (01-387 7800). 1.30pm, free.

**THE CHAPEL OF ST NICHOLAS AT THE CHAPEL OF A MEDIEVAL FRESCO CYCLE:** George Hare Leonard Memorial Lecture given by Professor Julian Brown, History of Art Department, University of Warwick. White Memorial Building, University of Warwick, Coventry (0272 24161). 5.15pm, free.

**TAXATION IN THE UK: WHY AND HOW IT SHOULD BE REFORMED:** Talk by John Kay for the Oxford University Economics Society. New Seminar Room, History of Art Department, University College, Oxford (0865 246581). 8.15pm, free.

**THE HORSE IN MEDIEVAL LIFE:** Informal workshop and talk given by John Clark, a member of the museum's staff. Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (01-600 3659). 7pm, free.

## WALKS

**EVIL LONDON - CRIME THROUGH THE AGES:** Meet St Paul's tube. SEVENTEENTH CENTURY GREAT FIRE AND PLAGUE: most Monument tube (Fish Street Hill entrance). 2pm, £2.25.

## OTHER EVENTS

**ROCK GARDEN CONSTRUCTION:** More practical demonstrations. RNS Garden, 188 West Wing, South Kensington, London SW5 (01-836 8228). 2pm-4pm, adult £2, child 1p.

**TAPE SLIDE PRESENTATIONS:** Books of Hours (11am); Illustrated Children's Books (11.30am); Caravan Book Club (2pm); British Library, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-373 7111).

**ROY FULLER:** Readings by one of Britain's best-known contemporary poets. Julian Symonds introduces the evening. National Poetry Centre, 21 Earls Court Square, London SW5 (01-873 7851). Reception: 4.30pm-5.30pm, 7.30pm, adult £2, child £1.50.

## BOOKINGS

**OPERA NORTH:** Booking for performances in Nottingham, with premiere of *Die Fledermaus* by Richard Strauss in production by Philip Prowse; Graham Vick's production of *The Cunning Little Vagabond*; plus *La Traviata* and *La Bohème*. May 27-June 6. Theatre Royal, Nottingham. Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

## LAST CHANCE

**THE QUEEN OF SPADES:** Last performance tonight of David Pountney's ENO production, with Sarah Walker and David Wright. National Theatre, London WC2 (01-836 8228). 7pm, £12-15. Until March 1.

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## CINEMAS

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**CAMDEN PLAZA:** *Die Fledermaus*. 7pm, £12-15. Until March 1.

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## THE ARTS

## DANCE

Spirit & Energy  
The Place

During seven weeks The Place is presenting an ambitious season of 25 dance companies, groups or soloists. They are eclectically chosen, the criterion being that the new director of the theatre there, John Ashford, likes their work. The first presentation reveals that among the qualities he enjoys are *Spirit & Energy*, that being the title of the show presented by Union Dance Company.

Corrine Bongaard started Union in 1983 with a lot of high ideals about bringing together the dance cultures of different races. Herself from South Africa, but trained in London and New York, she preserves a trace of Indian dancing from her initial programme in one number, but otherwise presents a show based on western contemporary dance forms including jazz, with its strong black influence. The four male dancers are British and black; the other three women are white.

The idealism now has gone into giving opportunities to young dancers and choreographers, bringing dance to young audiences and drawing some themes from African tribal traditions and political struggles. Unfortunately the serious bits of the programme are the least good: neither Bongaard nor her collaborators make their points at all clear in action.

What they do best is to provide light entertainment. Stuart Thomas has a fast and furious solo of his own choreography to music by the Blues Brothers, *Old Landmark*, preceded by an imitation of a wild gospel creature which permits a throwaway joke at the end. Thomas also plays second fiddle to Karen Estabrook's high-stepping swaggers in *Daybreak Express*, with music by Duke Ellington.

A mildly comic duet arranged by Jon Smart for Thomas with Gurner Harris is based on the contrast between their personalities; it would be funnier if it lived up to its title, *Sleazebag*.

John Percival

## OPERA

Norma  
Covent Garden

A remarkable, and much needed, change came over the new production of Bellini's *Norma* after the interval on the opening night. The first act — and not many operas outside Wagner have longer first acts than *Norma* — had been tension-ridden. Most of these insecurities stemmed from Margaret Price, singing the title-role for the first time in London, who appeared to be trying to decide whether Bellini's High Priestess should be in her repertoire or not.

"Casta diva", delivered with a blessed softness of timbre and a perfect sense of legato, suggested most certainly that it should. The following cabaletta, "Bello a me ritorno", with its taxing runs and a final note that was badly muffed, put question-marks over whether this really was her role. All the old truisms about the ability to deal with cantilena and the gift of pure stamina rarely marching hand in hand — and hence the tiny quantity of sopranos really capable of tackling *Norma* — began to raise their heads.

Margaret Price responded by ducking her head and concentrating on producing beautiful sounds rather than bringing out the drama of Bellini's score. Sir John Pritchard, who had begun affairs at sprightly military medium pace, engaged slower and slower tempi. Norma's introspection spread through to the other singers, with only Alicia Nafé as Adalgisa showing real vigour and character. At the interval this *Norma*, of which much had been expected, was a pallid and bloodless creature desperately needing to throw off its self-imposed restraint.

Then came the change. Perhaps Sir John Tooley gave his team an interval talk if so, then he should surely go into football management when he returns from Covent Garden. Margaret Price came out in a burnt orange gown in place of her midnight blue one and the voice immediately warmed up with the colour. She delivered Norma's opening monologue on child-murder with an authority and confidence that told more about Bellini's unhappy mother than the previous 90 minutes had revealed. The ensuing duets with Adalgisa struck right through to the heart of Bellini, with those soft and



Recovering from an insecure start by concentration on beautiful sound: Margaret Price with Giuseppe Giacomini

feminine melodies suddenly switching into a mood of bellicosity.

"Mira, o Norma" found soprano and mezzo inspiring one another as they had failed to do in the first half, and Pritchard in his silkiest mood. Alicia Nafé turned into an Adalgisa of very high class, never trying to outshine her Norma and always providing support — and Adalgisa is in essence a support role as she alone among the principals has no aria. Miss Price carried her new-found command right through to the final ascent to the pyre and, ever the musician, reserved some of her most finely shaped singing for the closing duet, "Qual cor tradisti", by which time she had got on terms with her Pollicione. This was the *Norma* we had come to hear.

The Roman Proconsul is not a popular role among tenors. Giuseppe Giacomini took a liberty or two with

the opening aria and then settled down to give a stolid performance. The tenor is too unvaried and occasionally course-grained. But there is plenty of reliability and Giacomini seemed unperturbed by the Act I tenses. Gwynne Howell's Oroveso makes a good shot at providing the lyric bass Bellini was seeking.

Rarely can a hairier chorus of druidic warriors have assembled to fight the Romans. When they settled down for a little spear-sharpening before the final scene they looked as though they had just done service with Conan the Barbarian, right down to the black leather cut-away kit complete with thighs. Vocally they were on decent form apart from an occasional pitch-loss.

John Copley's production goes back to the old-fashioned virtues of making things as easy as possible for

his principals: sensible groupings, clear motivation. Not for him Andrei Serban's feminist *Norma*, with priestess and acolyte going off hand-in-hand to the flames leaving Pollicione to live — and maybe even love — another day. At Covent Garden it is *Norma* and Adalgisa who walk towards a rather pretty pink glow.

The costumes are generally hideous, though prettiness is the sin of Robin Don's unconvincing sets, with Norma's cave looking more like a submarine grotto and Irminsul's blasted oak sitting oddly beneath a cerulean sky as friendly as the one Mr Don devised for *When I Was a Girl*. But interest will focus less on skyscrapers than on whether Margaret Price can raise her Act I *Norma* to the level of Act II. With the help of Pritchard, most experienced of Bellini conductors, there is a good chance.

John Higgins

With a view to  
a triumph...

Britain once again emerged strongly in the nominations for this year's Oscars, announced in Hollywood yesterday. Chris Peachment assesses how much it means to the home film industry

With the distant cry of "The British are coming" now just a forgotten echo in the corridors of Tinseltown, the British are once again strong contenders in the Oscar nominations, announced yesterday. The major front-runner over which the inside commentators are congratulating themselves is the American picture *Platoon*, a grim tell-it-like-it-was portrait of life in the front line in Vietnam from a relative outsider, Oliver Stone. Altogether it has gathered eight nominations, including Best Picture of the Year. But the major surprise is that the British *Room With a View*, a quiet, literate film from the Merchant-Ivory team, of the sort which spells quality to the Americans and is duly relegated to the Best Costumes slot, is running neck and neck with *Platoon* with what must be an unprecedented eight nominations including Best Picture.

Maggie Smith and Denholm Elliott each gain a nomination for Best Supporting Actor and Actress, James Ivory gains one for Best Director, and the film is also nominated in the categories of Best Art Direction, Cinematography, Costume Design and Screenplay Based on Material from Another Medium.

*The Mission*, which has done less well at the American box-office than *Goldcrest* had hoped, and which has garnered a few critical caveats in the States, is also nominated for Best Picture, with Roland Joffé in the Best Director category. Michael Caine gathers a Best Supporting Actor nomination for his role as Hannah's husband in Woody Allen's *Hannah and Her Sisters*, this will be his fourth nomination so far, although he has yet to win an Oscar. But the best news for a British individual is undoubtedly Bob Hoskins' nomination in the Best Actor category.

While this is his first nomination, Hoskins is a known and much-loved face in America, where he first

Best director?: Roland Joffé, nominated for *The Mission*

## ROCK

Mantronix  
Town and Country

Whenever I go to a hip-hop show, I am always impressed by the mood of hectic excitement that prevails among the crowd before the group takes the stage: there is a feeling, long since dissipated among regular rock audiences, that everybody inside the hall knows something that the world outside does not. Car horns blast, whistles read the air and people bob about in a distinctive dancing on the spot routine.

Mantronix failed to capitalize on this fund of enthusiasm, despite the impressive reputation that the duo has built since 1984 when the rapper MC Tee met the DJ Mantronik in the Downtown Records store in New York.

Wearing a yellow shirt, flapping open to the waist, MC Tee wandered round the stage, declaiming his timeless rhymes with flair; but, even allowing for the usual liberal element of self-promotion in the verses, he seemed too laid back for the job in hand. Mantronik, meanwhile, standing behind his decks and mixer, cut, scratched and chopped the records with a nimble expertise that seemed to demand the co-ordination and rhythmic dexterity one would expect of a percussionist, together with something of an engineer's ability to select and mix sounds.

Yet, although an exponent who lends considerable weight to the notion of DJ-ing as a bona fide musical activity, the beats on the tracks he selected tended to be either too light or too monotonous. The duo's rather more cerebral approach to hip-hop than that of their hard-core peers proved to be the ultimate stumbling-block. On record the unusual ele-

Fourth time lucky?: Michael Caine in *Hannah and Her Sisters*, nominated as best supporting actor

came to notice in *The Long Good Friday* as a rotund cockney hood of small stature, prompting a thousand reviewers to the adjective "lovable" and leading Francis Coppola to cast him in a similar role as Owney Madden, the proprietor in *The Cotton Club*.

Also in the Best Actor category are William Hurt, Dexter Gordon and James Woods; but the stiffest competition that Hoskins faces is certainly Paul Newman, nominated for his role as Fast Eddy in Martin Scorsese's *The Color of Money*, which is a reprise of the part he played in *The Hustler* some 25 years ago. Newman was nominated then, but failed to gain the Oscar. This time, he might gain the conscience vote.

If Hoskins wins the Oscar, however, this would have major overtones not just for his career but for Britain's film industry too. The fee which he could then command would leap the first million-dollar hurdle; but he would also be well on his way to being Britain's first international cinema star to emerge since the Sixties. Britain can only boast three top-line stars at the box-office, of whom Michael Caine is the only one never to have played James Bond. Should Hoskins make the right career moves in the immediate future, Britain could be back with a strong command of foreign box-office receipts.

The effect upon British film production of the possible rewards from so many nominations is a shade less predictable. Since *Goldcrest's* notorious nosedive, after the disastrous expense of *Revolution*, backers have been extremely wary of an industry which seems to have lost its flagships. The industry seems like one of those boats, paddling like fury, but swimming in ever-decreasing circles. All of these nominations might just make the city men sit up and take notice once again.

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## Two plots get in a tricky tangle

## THEATRE

Kiss Me Kate  
Stratford

The Stratford Ontario Shakespeare Festival made a big killing last year with Broadway's first Shakespearean musical, *The Boys from Syracuse*. Now the RSC follows suit with Cole Porter's version of *The Taming of the Shrew*, a piece of fabbed brilliance which moved from Broadway to break attendance records on the German stage and become the first American musical to reach Poland.

The difference between these two productions is that where *The Boys from Syracuse* appeared as part of the festival repertoire, played by the resident company, the RSC show is an isolated event designed for a commercial tour (reaching the Old Vic in May) and featuring an *ad hoc* cast. Like *Les Misérables*, its manifest aim is to earn the RSC some much-needed revenue. I hope it succeeds; but there is little sign of any other purpose.

The bright ideas of Sam and Bella Spewack was to adapt Shakespeare's play-within-a-play into a backstage comedy about a performance of *The Taming of the Shrew* by a company led by two warring principals. Unlike Kate and Petruchio, Fred and Lilli are divorced and on the point of making unsuitable new partnerships, although they are clearly made for one another. The book then takes them through a stormy Baltimore, in which they fight things through on and off stage before finally coming together again.

There are moments, particularly at turning-points in the plot, when this scheme adds a powerful new comic thrust. Lilli discovers a tender note to her rival just before the wooing scene, and comes on ready to do murder. Fred, in turn, finds himself besieged by two gangsters intent on



The starstruck hoods of Emil Wolk (left) and John Barton, with Nicola McAuliffe as Lilli

collecting a gambling debt; and, as this will have to be paid for out of the box-office takings, it is in their interests to stop the leading lady walking out on the show. Thereupon they change into a pair of cigar-smoking chaperons who escort her to Verona and develop a consuming interest in show business.

If the rest of the book were of this quality, one could mention it in the same breath with *Cats* and *Dolls*. But, for much of the way, the Spewacks come over as a juggling team who keep dropping their plates. On the whole the two plots do not reinforce each other; and divided attention means that neither gets properly told.

There is a garbled version of *The Shrew*; and, to find time for that, the book drops Fred's opening affair with the showgirl Lois, allows the gangsters simply to write off the debt when it has served its comic purpose, and gets into a terrible tangle with theatrical and actual time. Much space is also given to numbers that have no bearing on the plot. Act II begins with the company sweating outside the stage door and then launching into Porter's "Too Darn Hot", a splendid number but the kind of high-kicking spectacle

that would drench an Eskimo in sweat. Adrian Noble's production begins with a meticulously organized curtain-call rehearsal, establishing various company relationships and introducing the baubly wind-drawn figure of Nicola McAuliffe as the leading lady. This promise of a detailed ensemble does not develop. Isolated figures do emerge; particularly Fiona Hendley as the dumb blonde Lois (alias Bianca) and Tim Flavin as her hoover lover (alias Lucentio), who immediately emerges as the production's lead dancer.

Otherwise, the choreography by Ron Field is banal in the extreme. Liz da Costa's chorus costumes, overprinted tights and panner skirts forming an ambulatory fruit and vegetable market, are brilliant; but, inside them, all you get are revelling Paduans fixing the house with metallic grins.

Scrape off the  
Black  
Stratford East

In the last seconds of this family drama, after the racist recriminations have come to their bitter end and Jill Gascoine stands alone on the stage, she makes one movement of her arms which could just, with some charity, be called a loving gesture. Kitherto, she has been a monster. Peevish and foul-tongued, Rose is as worthless a stage mother as you are likely to meet.

A teenage affair with a Nigerian left her encumbered with two "blackies", whom she promptly shoved into foster homes. Andy (Chris Turnings) has since been through Borsal and is due out from a year in jail. Trev (Gary McDonald) so wants his mum to be friendly he gives her his money to spend on bingo, three sessions a day.

The script claims that, originally, she came from Corn-

much the most entertaining performances come from John Barton and Emil Wolk as the two starstruck hoods. Miss McAuliffe, usually seen staring bleakly ahead with sucked-in cheeks, periodically bursts into spectacular fury; but without much rapport with her Petruchio — as Paul Jones plays him, a nice fellow trying to disguise it with a great deal of shouting and spanking.

Together they give a good impression of how Shakespeare might be played in Baltimore. As they also do justice to songs like "I Hate Men", "So in Love am I" and "Where is the Life I Led?", musical honour is preserved. William Dudley's sets pay apt respect to both elements of the piece, with a classical perspective streak framing a three-dimensional backstage revolve.

Irving Wardle

wall — the author, Tunde Ikoli, has a Cornish mother and a Nigerian father — but it must have been in some cockney enclave, since her East End accent is faultless. In contrast, her friend Mary (Kate Williams), a diabetic former tart in mauve mini and double rope of pearls first thing in the morning, has kept every twirl of her Scottish lilt. Philip Hedley's production is the third version to be staged since 1977, and the second, newer half is an improvement on the first where the pulse is very slow, action is limited to lighting cigarettes and the two actresses stay anchored to their chairs, one by a gammy leg and the other by her miniskirt. The scene between the two brothers raises interesting issues of racial anxiety and indecision but nothing is resolved and, while Ikoli writes grimly funny dialogue, his two acts are still too raw a venting of pain and anger to cohere into a satisfactory play.

Jeremy Kingdon

## CONCERT

Aquarius/  
Cleobury  
Elizabeth Hall

It seems to me that 40 is rather an early age for any composer to be able to celebrate with a major retrospective of his work. But Paul Patterson already has an impressive catalogue to his name, and that he is held in high esteem cannot be doubted, as the large and distinguished audience at this concert testified.

He is nothing if not the most adaptable and fluent of composers, and indeed it is perhaps his very prodigiousness that at the moment is his worst enemy. For although his technical grasp of whatever particular idiom he happens to be writing in is never less than convincing — whether it be the highly conservative choral writing of the *Missa Brevis* or the ebullient free interplay of parts in *Crucovian Counterpoints* — one does wonder, after a long evening's listening, if he has yet managed to find his real musical identity, his most comfortable mode of expression.

Most of the music heard on this occasion concerned itself in one way or another with procedural games, something that Patterson has no doubt developed from his intimate

contact with contemporary Polish music. In *Crucovian Counterpoints*, Op. 38, for example, he plays with the relationships of the 14 soloists with each other; first they are outwardly combative, then uneasy, then exuberantly cooperative. In *Intersections*, Op. 23, for mixed octet, the name of the game is the transformation, interaction and unification of the diverse; while in *At the Still Point of the Turning World*, Op. 41, the music weaves, almost ritualistically, around a single pitch, B.

But the devices that Patterson harnesses in all these works seem too deliberately chosen, as if the music's form and idiom had been set down as a rigid mould into which the notes are afterwards poured: Lutoslawskian controlled improvisation, post-Webernian severity and so on.

The group Aquarius, conducted by Nicholas Cleobury, nevertheless gave magnificently committed performances, while the London Choral, directed by David Coleman, did their best with the eminently dull *Missa Brevis*, Op. 54, and enjoyed themselves tremendously in the puerile humour of *Spare Parts*, Op. 36. But the most effective performance, and possibly the most effective music, came with the *Dialogue*, Op. 49, for oboe (Nicholas Daniel) and piano (Julius Drake).

Stephen Pettitt

LONDON  
DEBUTS

Forming a new orchestra is a time-honoured way of making a conducting debut, and may also advance the careers of others involved. Philip Ellis left his percussionist's place with the RPO to set up the English Camerata, and their inaugural concert at St James's, Piccadilly, was evidence both of the conductor's musicality and of the ensemble spirit of his 30 or so young players, women outnumbering men by three to one.

They achieved a notably cogent account of Strauss's *Metamorphosen*, which demands as much response from its 23 solo strings as from the conductor's controlling hand, and it offered eloquent testimony to feeling as well as skill. So too did Britten's *Les Illuminations*, with Elizabeth Nash of the BBC Singers to be admired for tone and phrasing, while the orchestra's playing raised hopes for their next concert, at St John's, Smith Square, in June.

Of pianists who came my way (at the Wigmore Hall) Kathryn Selby was the least trumpeted and the most enjoyable. An Australian who collected a haul of awards in America, she brought a keen sense of interpretative purpose as well as polished technique to Chopin's B minor

Sonata, and contrasted ingenious simplicity with subtlety of character in Schubert's Four Impromptus, D935.

Establishing an underlying tempo to which all else relates was her method in Debussy and Ravel as well, with the keen rhythmic basis of the latter's *Alborada del gracioso* extended into glittering command of the keyboard for Liszt's *Spanish Rhapsody*. If she can improve her use of the sustaining pedal, she has the skill and imagination to become an exceptional artist.

The American Tzimon Barto came to his solo programme in the wake of a South Bank concerto appearance, when the "fresh, strong and purposeful responses" noted there by Hilary Finch were still more in evidence. So was the hard glare of a keyboard tone that changed little between a Bach toccata and the C major Sonata, Op. 1, of Brahms, which left this listener, at least, feeling considerably browbeaten.

His powerful technique was best heard in Scriabin (the Fifth Sonata) and Liszt, whipping up a torrent of sound in the latter's D flat Hungarian Rhapsody and giving a rare glimpse of softer keyboard textures in the "Harmonies du soir". An intelligent artist, he would seem to prefer the full-frontal attack for the moment, but may yet discover a subtler approach.

Noël Goodwin

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Guinness rises 15p on bid talk

The Guinness share price rose 15p yesterday - adding more than £130 million to the company's market value - on rumours that Mr John Elliott's Elders & Co group is contemplating a bid for the company.

Mr Andrew Cummins, the Elders Group Director Strategy would neither confirm nor deny the rumours which saw 14 million shares change hands and the share price rise to 307p. The shares stood at 331p before the Department of Trade inspectors moved in and have been as low as 264p since.

Brewery analysts said yesterday that a bid for Guinness during the DTI inquiry was unlikely.

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Lilley sells £8.5m plant

Hewden-Stuart Plant, the plant hire company, has bought Seymour Plant from FIC Lilley for £8.5 million cash.

The assets include seven freehold and three leasehold deposits with 4,000 items of plant, vehicles, stocks and accessories. Lilley estimates the net book value at £7.7 million. Pretax profit of Seymour in the year to January 31, 1986 was £1.4 million but is expected to be lower in the year just ended.

Dale listing

Dale Group, a manufacturer of hydraulic equipment for the coal industry, is obtaining a full market listing through the placing of 3.07 million shares at 110p, which capitalizes the company at £13.2 million.

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Reuters soars

Reuters Holdings, the international information group, made pretax profits in 1986 of £130.1 million, a rise of 39 per cent on revenue 43 per cent higher at £620.9 million. The total dividend was raised by 69.2 per cent to 5.5p.

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Beazer stake

CH Beazer, the Bath housebuilding group, has now acquired more than 60 per cent of the Hong Kong civil engineering group Franki Investments for £5.5 million. Beazer will use the company as a vehicle for expanding its contracting operations in Hong Kong and South East Asia.

Professor's job

Professor Roland Smith was appointed a non-executive director of British Aerospace yesterday.

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Bank study reveals sharper market

Big Bang cuts costs of deals

By John Bell, City Editor

London's equity markets have become cheaper, more competitive and more efficient since the introduction of Big Bang last October. Lower transactions costs, which have cut the cost of substantial trades by as much as half, and a more competitive environment have generated substantially higher turnover in equities.

Fears that the market in shares of smaller companies might suffer after Big Bang have proved to be unfounded. These are the principal conclusions of a study to be published tomorrow in the Bank of England's latest *Quarterly Bulletin* but released for earlier publication.

The Bank emphasizes that its findings are based on only a few months' data. But the broad conclusions demonstrate that the new regime in equity markets leaves London far better placed as a financial centre to compete with its major rivals in the United States, Europe and Japan.

There is little doubt, says the Bank, that the market in alpha and beta stocks is much more competitive than before Big Bang. Alpha stocks are the 76 leading shares which account for more than half the British equity market value and 50 per cent of turnover.

There are currently 534 beta stocks, which are less actively traded than alphas but which

Amstrad profits leap by 158%

By Carol Ferguson

Amstrad, the rapidly growing electronics company, reports record interim turnover and profits on the back of the successful launch of its low price range of IBM clones.

Strong sales of the IBM-compatible personal computers in the first few weeks since reaching the market took Amstrad's pretax profit up by 158 per cent to £71.3 million for the six months to December 31.

Turnover in the same period was up 112 per cent to £272 million. The new IBM clones, which were on sale for only 10 weeks of the half-year period, accounted for 25 per cent of turnover.

The acquisition of the Sinclair business paid off, more than recouping the £5 million purchase price in the six months by selling around 300,000 units. Mr Alan Sugar, chairman of Amstrad, said yesterday that there was no difference in the level of sales - but there was no additional overhead.

"Since these computers are in the entertainment business, they only sell for three or four months of the year," he added.

Existing products, as well as new ones, contributed to these results. The famous 8265 word processor continued to have buoyant sales. Yesterday's statement accompanying the results said that this was most encouraging since it had been felt by some that the introduction of

the new PC-1512 range, the IBM clones, in September 1986 would affect these sales.

"I am pleased to report that there was no such downturn in sales," Mr Sugar said, "which confirms our marketing view that we have two separate markets in business computers - the word processing sector for typewriter replacement and the personal computer sector."

Commenting on the success of PC-1512 range of personal computers, Mr Sugar reported that within three months of coming into the market, it has captured a 26 per cent market share.

IBM still confident

IBM United Kingdom remains confident of its prospects despite lack of growth last year. Mr Anthony Cleaver, the chief executive, said in a statement. He said the company did well to maintain turnover at the record level seen in 1985.

Pretax profit last year fell 19 per cent to £421 million while turnover rose 1 per cent to £3.08 billion. Adverse factors included a slowdown in capital investment in machinery and equipment.

This had been done, he said, "not at the expense of the competition but by what is now known as the 'Amstrad Effect', meaning the expansion of existing markets. We have made many inroads into the corporate market, giving us yet another customer base on which to expand."

Exports of the PC-1512 to the United States are running at the rate of 5,000 a month. "This is the icing on the cake," Mr Sugar said. "Our main market is in Europe and the Far East. The US is not waiting for Mr Alan Sugar to come along - and there have been casualties in the past with over-estimates of the size of the market and under-estimates of the competition."

Beleaguered hotel is star of efficiency league

Savoy's lesson for Forte

By Cliff Feltham

The long campaign by Lord Forte to acquire control of the Savoy hotel group on the grounds that he can manage the assets more profitably than the present management may need to be reviewed in the light of an intriguing "performance league table" published today by Kleinwort Grieson Securities, the stockbroker.

In a report on the hotel industry - whose prospects are looking especially bright - the broker has bravely attempted to compare how well leading companies are doing in the way they generate income from hotel rooms, restaurants, and bars.

And, based on the latest available statistics for the 1985 financial year, it finds that the Savoy group was the star performer. The Savoy's beleaguered management achieved 78 per cent of potential revenue from its business, well ahead of Trusthouse Forte



Eyes to the future: Lord King (left) and Colin Marshall, chief executive, watch the shares

BA becomes investors' favourite airline

By Ray Heath

Opponents of the Thatcher privatization programme were presented with some valuable ammunition for their arguments that the Government was undervaluing national assets when dealing in British Airways shares started yesterday.

The opening price of 119.5p was 83 per cent above the issue price of the partly-paid shares, leading to obvious comparisons with the Amersham International float of 1982, whose shares swiftly went to a premium of about 33 per cent.

It is widely believed in the City that the Government's advisers, led by Hill Samuel, the merchant bank, decided to pitch the BA share price at the low end of stock market expectations because of the

Bank knew of Standard loan facility during Lloyds bid

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The Bank of England yesterday revealed that it had been aware of the loan facility offered by Standard Chartered Bank to the National Bank of Brunei and then withdrawn last June while the bid by Lloyds Bank was still in progress.

Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the governor, was quoted in a newspaper as saying that the facility "was known to us at the time and it was investigated."

The Bank was satisfied that no misdemeanour, or breach of the Companies Act had occurred.

Loans made by Standard during the bid are now under investigation by independent inspectors appointed by the Bank at Standard's request after press allegations last week that it may have breached the Companies Act.

Bank sources said that Standard had notified the Bank of the facility when it was withdrawn last June because of the close association of the National Bank of Brunei with Tan Sri Khoo Tack Puat, the Singapore businessman who helped to save Standard from a takeover by Lloyds.

The facility was later granted three days after the bid lapsed in July.

Sources said that the Bank had carried out a thorough investigation into the nature of the transactions through conversations with Standard's executives.

They said that in the general context of the bid the Bank was assured by Standard that nothing improper was being committed.

The Bank did not examine Standard's books at this stage. Also, it did not conduct retrospective investigations into loans or facilities granted by Standard earlier in the bid, and Standard itself carried out no such investigation.

The Takeover Panel is also believed to have known about and approved the facility withdrawn by Standard in June and granted in July.

Whitley sale

In a further move to restructure its operations, the meat trade group The Whitley Group has sold the UK and EEC wool merchandising business of F Whitley to the Hill Mainz group for around £1.4 million. Whitley is retaining Whitley's New Zealand wool broking business and UK hides and pelts broking operations.

Merger talks

The Mitchell Somers group has entered into merger discussions with an unnamed party. The group announced last month that it had received an approach which could lead to an offer for the company.

Rolls in plan for Airbus rival

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Boeing and Rolls-Royce are to collaborate on the production of a twin-engine rival to Airbus Industrie's proposed long-range jet, the A340.

The Boeing 767, popular with airlines as a medium-range jet carrying up to 250 people, is to be fitted with the Rolls-Royce RB 211 524D-40 engine, identical to those that will power the British Airways fleet of "jumbo" four-engined 747-400s.

The powerful new engine will give the aircraft a much greater range and enable it to compete both with the three-engined McDonnell Douglas MD 11 and the four-engined Airbus A340.

The deal will also give Rolls-Royce a much-needed boost in its attempts to enter the American airliner market and put British-built engines onto the 767 for the first time.

The D4D version of the highly successful RB 211 engine is one of the most powerful and efficient engines ever built. It is based on the same design as the original RB 211 but has been significantly up-rated and modified to give an enormous 38,000 lb of thrust. Although the engine is still under development and will not be officially certified as fit for airline use until 1989, Rolls is confident it will prove attractive to airlines around the world.

The engine will be installed in the 767-300ER - the extended range version of the 767. It will give the aircraft a range of more than 6,000 miles with 260 passengers or, in a bigger version, a 4,600-mile range with 290 passengers.

The engine will compete both with Pratt and Whitney and General Electric, who have already produced their high-performance engines and will be offering them on the long-range 767 when it comes into service next year.

The development is particularly significant for Airbus, which is close to announcing the go-ahead for its own long-range competitor, the A340.

At the moment twin-engined aircraft are only allowed to fly for 120 minutes from the nearest alternative landing point. This has enabled some airlines to operate with 767s across the Atlantic by following the great circle route.

But it is hoped that the US Federal Aviation Authority will give approval for the new big-engined 767s to fly up to 180 minutes away from land. This will then enable the aircraft to compete head on with even the biggest four-engined jet on virtually every leading airline route.

Rolls-Royce will now begin an intensive two-year campaign aimed at persuading airlines to choose the D4D powered twin jet. And if it succeeds, it could mean hundreds of millions of pounds worth of new orders for the soon-to-be-privatized British engine manufacturer.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

King's capital

Lorkeing, the British Airways chairman, was sitting on a personal paper profit of more than £13,000 last night - from original investment of just 16,250. He applied for 25,000 partly-paid shares - the maximum number staff were allowed - and says he plans to buy more on the open market. But King, who earned a meagre £52,000 last year, has had less lucrative flotation than most other company chairmen. He and his fellow directors agreed to a Government request not to grant themselves any share options until March 2 at the earliest. Thorpe for the options has yet to be fixed but David Bus, who masterminded the flotation for Hill Samuel, BA's merchant banker adviser, tells me: "They will not be at the price."



"Tastes the same to me..."

Young genius

Generous fees paid by Guinness to its "advisers" may have come as something of a shock to solicitor Anthony Se, 36, a partner at the legal firm Freshfields and one of two surviving members of the Guinness "war cabinet." As a student at Exeter University, he was renowned for his thriftiness. As a first-year student with a car, he was told, he used to chase his contemporaries a shilling (5p) a head for a lighthouse from the law department to the main university campus 2 1/2 miles away. "I was even used to mark his coffee jar to make sure no one else had used it," he remained one former college classmate.

Se, however, is not the shrewd, the shrewdness, has come up with a novel post-Big Bang way of offsetting the high costs of running his teams of research analysts. The firm has just brought out a glossy 163-page report on the hotel industry and has decided that any hotel consultants who want to get the hands on it will have to pay £50 for the privilege.

By the left

As if a self-inflicted DDT injury into suspicious share dealings and the persistent bid speculation were not enough, above of loony left MPs, including Tony Benn and Ennis Skinner, has put down a motion in the Commons citing on a future Labour Government to nationalize Consolidated Gold Fields, the mining finance group, and put its South African operations under the control of its black workers. This, they say, would provide a direct link to the miners and help the struggle against apartheid.

Am Am, the airline and poverty giant, has, I hear, begun tentative negotiations with American Airlines, the largest air passenger carrier in the world, with a view to selling it its airline business. Cliftor has been appointed by Am Am to advise. The American investment house is also said to be organizing a \$15 million re-financing package for Pan Am. Hedging their bets, perhaps.

Hayes fervour

Confining our report that Scrimgeour Vickers, the broker, has re-introduced the traditional morning meeting, Noel Hayes, head of the firm's institutional sales, tells me: "We like the view that all our clients should have access to the same information - it shouldn't be reserved for the favoured few. It only lasts for between two and four minutes so it is hardly to be said that it wastes time." Scrimgeour has now staffed after the departure of the majority of its engineering and electrical analysts to its rival, Smith Newport, which resulted in the abolition of morning meetings at Smith's. Last month, it took on no fewer than seven new recruits: analyst Selwyn Jones from Row & Pinnam, brewery expert Ian Shackleton from Argyl Group, engineering analyst Chris Terry from Capel-Cure Myers and Alastair Duntaway from Quilters, James Dodd from Fieldings to cover electricals and Paul Deacon from Wood Mac and Keith Wills from Rowe & Pittman to strengthen the firm's famous retail team.

Carol Leonard

ECONOMIC VIEW

Wind of change in tax could fan spending

Tax reforms affect people's behaviour, and changes in behaviour affect the way economies work. The wind of change now blowing through the tax systems of the world could lead to shifts in the structure of different economies and the way in which they interact with each other - much more important in the longer term than the marginal changes in the level of demand over which so much international financial diplomacy is currently being expended.

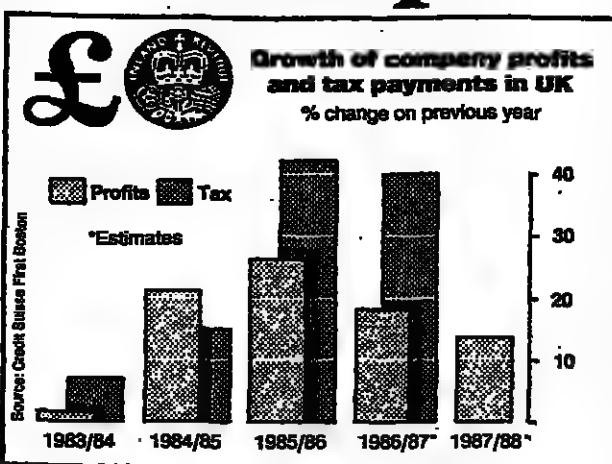
Foremost among the areas of reform with potentially far-reaching effects is the treatment of savings. Special reliefs for various forms of saving which have been stuck on to the system over the years in order to appease lobbies or gain political advantage are being stripped away.

The aim behind the removal of savings reliefs is equality of treatment between different forms of saving. In principle this can be achieved either by relieving all forms of saving or relieving none.

Whatever its theoretical merits - tirelessly propounded in this country by the Institute for Fiscal Studies - the expenditure tax route, under which income is only taxed if it is spent and all savings are exempted, has not found favour around the world. Given the constraints on increasing borrowing it has been more practicable to take away existing reliefs rather than extend them. As a result the tax incentives to save rather than spend are gradually being whittled away.

Nowhere is this more true than in Japan, where the proposals adopted by the government and now awaiting enactment by parliament include abolishing relief for small savers.

Under the so-called *maruyau* system, personal savers in Japan can save up to a



specified amount tax-free through post offices. The original idea was to help generate funds for industrial development. Swelled by a large number of illegal multiple accounts the Japanese now have a third of their savings, or ¥107,000 billion (£458 billion), in the tax-exempt *maruyau*.

Removal of this incentive to save could have important effects on the shape of the Japanese economy. If the Japanese are suddenly transformed from being a nation of savers into a nation of spenders the prospect for foreign sales into Japan must improve while the attention of Japanese industry is likely to be diverted inward to a greater extent than during the past two decades.

On the other hand the outflow of Japanese capital, particularly into the United States, could fall sharply and put new pressure on the dollar and perhaps raising American interest rates.

The extent to which this may happen depends partly on the rest of the tax reform package. The Japanese government is proposing also to bring in a value added tax of up to 5 per cent over a wide

range of spending. The switch from taxes on income to European-style VAT is another feature of tax reform worldwide and to some extent redresses the balance of advantage between spending and saving.

The prime example is the removal of reliefs on individual retirement accounts for higher rate taxpayers unless they are not covered by occupational schemes. But tax exemptions on borrowing such as the relief on interest payments on personal loans have also been abolished. The downward pressure on interest rates which the US Treasury confidently expected as a result of ending the borrowing reliefs has not so far been very obvious.

The possible effects of swapping exemptions for some in favour of lower rates for all are nowhere better demonstrated than in Britain. On the personal front the Government has made a start by ending life assurance premium relief and reducing both the basic rate and top rates of income tax - but there is still a long way to go. But some of the results of the radical reform of corporation tax,

launched in 1984, are now beginning to show.

The most startling effect of cutting the CT rate from 52 per cent to 35 per cent while at the same time phasing out investment allowances has been a sharp increase in revenue.

Mainstream Corporation Tax revenues have doubled in two years from £3 billion in 1984-85, when CT was still regarded as the "optional tax", to more than £6 billion in 1986-87. The buoyancy of company tax is one of the main reasons why the public sector borrowing requirement this year is expected to turn out well below the Government's forecast of £7 billion.

Part of the reason for higher revenue is simply the rapid increase in profitability.

Two other factors which help to explain this year's buoyant revenue are pointed out in recent work by Peter Spencer and Giles Keating of Credit Suisse First Boston. Because of high profitability companies have used up their accumulated past tax losses faster than expected.

Secondly, because of the depreciation of sterling, profits have tended to increase fastest among manufacturing companies who are also the companies which under the old system were best able to make use of capital allowances to shelter profits from tax.

What is not yet fully clear is what effect the change in the corporation tax system will have on companies' behaviour.

Will it, as expected, discourage marginal investment undertaken for tax reasons while boosting investment which under the old system was ineligible for allowances but under the new enjoys a lower tax rate?

After the investment boom as companies rushed to take advantage of allowances before they finally disappeared there is now something of a lull, not least because Labour has not spelt out its intentions with regard to the corporate tax system.

Companies are wary of undertaking long term commitments when a different administration could increase the rate of tax.

What is already clear is that lower rates levied on a broad tax base can bring in more revenue than higher rates with more ways of avoiding them. That is a good portent for further reform of personal taxes.

Rodney Lord  
Economics Editor

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Treasury joins attack on Japanese barriers

The official onslaught against the careful discrimination practised by the Japanese in controlling their financial markets continues unabated. Last week the Governor of the Bank of England and the head of the New York Federal Reserve used the International Bankers Club dinner to admonish the Japanese. Yesterday the Treasury weighed in through the medium of its own *Economic Progress Report*.

These barrages are timely since the next meeting between the British Government and the Japanese Ministry of Finance is coming up in the next few weeks. On the agenda will be the question of granting securities and investment licences to foreign financial institutions in Tokyo.

So far progress has been slow and painful. The Treasury icily points out that foreign membership of the Tokyo Stock Exchange is still only six, with little prospect of an increase this year. Despite a new law allowing foreigners to get licences to issue investment advice, no licences have been issued, while several overseas candidates have still not been granted securities licences.

Foreign banks in Japan account for a mere 2 per cent of loans and 1 per cent of deposits there. In contrast, Japanese banks take a quarter of all international and domestic business of banks in Britain. This startling statistic is a reminder that the Japanese do not aim for a share of a market; they go for the market itself.

Among the obstacles militating against success for foreign institutions in Tokyo are an unfair tax structure on savings and a heavily regulated interest rate environment. These

appear to be undergoing a degree of liberalization.

At least as important is the highly segmented nature of Japan's financial structure and the much lower capital-asset ratios required of Japanese banks - about 2 per cent compared with about 5 per cent for international banks. New regulations should increase the ratios required of Japanese banks in the future, but their competitive advantage from this will linger for some time. Other areas of liberalization, such as setting up of offshore markets and internationalizing the yen have, says the Treasury, so far been half-hearted.

The Treasury report's verdict is that "progress has been much slower than Britain and other countries would like." It gloomily predicts that the step-by-step liberalization will continue. A Japanese Big Bang is out of the question.

The only practical way of changing Japanese ways is to play the game according to their rules; that is to discriminate until a fair compromise is reached. If Nomura wants to spread its wings into the primary gilt-edged market in London or if Japanese institutions are looking for new licences the authorities have the power to say no until concessions are granted in Japan. This power should be used.

The Treasury repeats Paul Channon's warning of last November: "I would expect Japan to provide British firms reciprocal access to their market, in particular to the Tokyo Stock Exchange... I do not consider that such reciprocal access has yet been provided."

High marks for Big Bang

Fears haunted City authorities in the approach to Big Bang last October. Would the new electronic dealing systems, unfamiliar and untried in the hands of most traders and their clients, stand the test on days of heavy turnover? Would those firms which chose their own hardware and software packages to interface with SEAO and Topic be proved to have chosen wisely and well? Could the electronic settlement systems smoothly supersede the reliable old methods without undue embarrassment to the City and those who use it? After a distinctly shaky start, the new systems have bedded down well.

The other greater fear was that Big Bang might coincide with the end of the majestic bull market in equities which began in 1975 and received a new lease of life in the early years of the first Thatcher administration. Coupled with an explosion in market making capacity in both gilt-edged and equities, and a

sharp fall in commissions, that could have led to a rush of mergers, failures or at the very least a painful lack of profitability. Once again, those fears have proved groundless.

In the last years of the old regime, the future of London as a leading financial centre seemed far from secure. Compared with its rivals, London was a high cost City in which to invest. Structurally, the firms which dominated the major markets were hopelessly undercapitalized, and as partnerships could do little to remedy their position. Little wonder that bit by bit, markets which were and should have remained securely London's were moving to pastures greener.

Sooner or later the tough trading environment is sure to lead to casualties and the inevitable problems of a low turnover and falling prices have to be surmounted. But after the first seriously analytical assessment the verdict on Big Bang is resoundingly favourable.

TEMPUS

Amstrad keying in to more dizzy success

The trouble with Amstrad is that the expansion of the company has been so rapid that the share price has been unable to keep up.

The ascent of the share price is dizzying, and those that do not own shares, and those who would like to, feel instinctively that the price has gone too far. It never seems to be quite the right time to buy. And yet the shares are not expensive. Even after yesterday's 18p share price rise to 165p the p/e multiple is still only 70 per cent of the market multiple.

In terms of its earnings power, no-one can accuse Amstrad of inconsistency. It has never yet failed to confound the market by exceeding even the most optimistic profit forecasts. This set of interim results for the six months to December 31 is no exception.

The impetus behind these figures is broadly based. Sales of the PCW 8256 word processor have remained strong and there has been an initial contribution from the new IBM clone, the PC-1512 range. And Amstrad has dusted off and polished up the newly acquired Sinclair products, making them more reliable and marketing them more effectively.

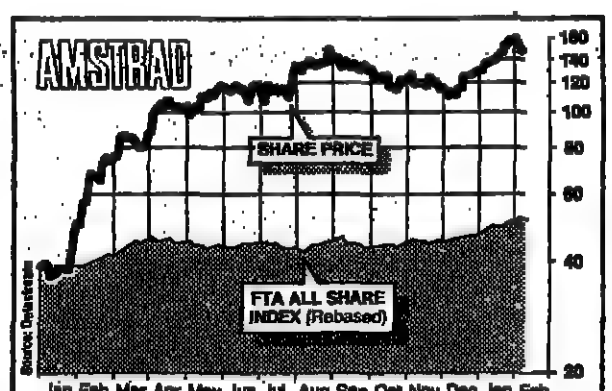
Fitting the Sinclair products into Amstrad's product range involved little in the way of additional overhead and as a result, the half-year operating profit from Sinclair products was comfortably over £8 million, easily recouping the £5 million purchase price.

In the second half, Amstrad will benefit from a full six months contribution from the IBM clones, coupled with steady sales of the word processor. Consequently, for the full year to June this year a pretax profit forecast of £125 million could prove conservative, rising to about £180 million in the following year.

Next year, the market for the word processor may mature and start to decline. However, the IBM clones should be at full steam, and sales of its latest addition, inexpensive dot-matrix printers, are forecast to expand. Other new products in the pipeline include three new computers, two new videos and - further ahead - satellite receiving dishes.

Diversification of products and expansion into new markets, both geographically and into the business market, have served to broaden the company's base, and reduce risk.

The company is vulnerable in any of its products but it has proved that its formula works in more than one product; it has continued to come up with new ideas for new products and markets



and it is succeeding in overseas markets.

Amstrad is standing a multiple of 10 times this year's earnings and 7 times next year's.

The downside is limited.

Dale Group

A company which sold 75 per cent of output to British Coal in the first half of this year may not sound like the stock market's safest investment.

However, Dale Group can point to a long and cosy relationship with British Coal, which survived the miners' strike, causing only a short-lived dip in turnover and profits. The relationship allows for margins that must make every other metal basher weep with envy.

Dale has carved itself such a niche with its powered conveyors and bridge conveyor systems that trading margins rose to 29 per cent in the first half from 24.8 per cent last year. Its products, some of which are exclusive, help British Coal's drive for increased productivity and are replaceable as well as capital items.

With British Coal's present heavy investment programme, Dale is confident its market can only grow. Some 6 per cent of turnover goes to the United States, which is a good growth market, and there is a licensing agreement with a West German manufacturer.

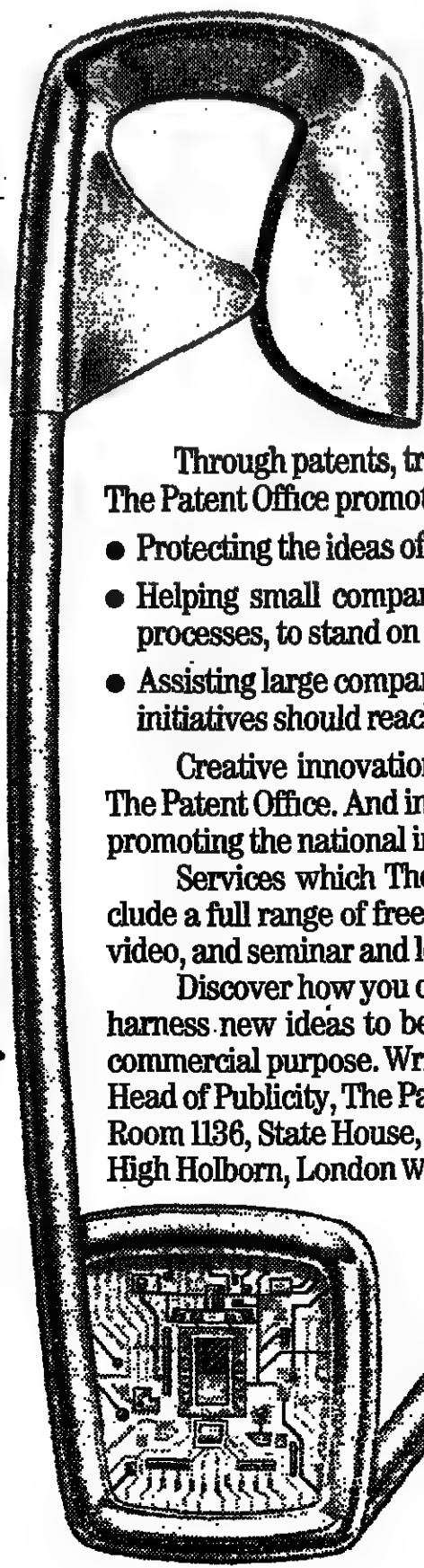
Dale is forecasting profits in the year to the end of May of £21.5 million, giving a prospective p/e ratio of 9.6 on the placing price of 9.6. The yield, based on a notional dividend of 4.5p per share, is 5.8 per cent.

The directors are selling 25.6 per cent of the company and keeping the proceeds. With £1.2 million cash in the bank, Dale needs no further funds.

So long as British Coal's productivity drive does not extend to squeezing supplier's margins, Dale's profitable relationship looks set to continue.

Reuters

The growth of profits at Reuters continues to keep a jump ahead of market expectations fuelling yet



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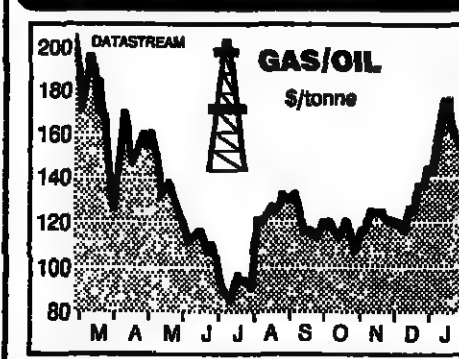
## INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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## FINANCIAL TRUSTS

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## COMMODITIES



The Gasoil market has been generally on the defensive recently. There is talk of increased Russian supply and capacity storage in some part of Europe. Sentiment turning as refining margins narrow and charts indicate short term topping action. Comment by GNI.

May	1500-555	Tone		Idle	
Jun	1500-335	SILVER SMALL			
Sep	1812-610	Three Months	381.50-383.50		
Nov	1545-430	Three Months	371.50-373.50		
Jan	1545-430	Tone		Idle	
Mar	1680-890	Tone		Idle	
Vol	3218				
<b>ALUMINUM</b>					
Cash	1001.00-822.00				
Three Months	827.50-829.50				
Vol	1700				
Tone		Firm			
Nov	1182.50				
Dec	1182.50				
Jan	1182.50				
Feb	120.0-17.0				
Vol	120.0-18.0				
Mar					
Vol	36				
<b>LONDON METAL EXCHANGE</b>					
Liferailed prices					
Official in 2 per cent note					
Silver in ounces per ounce					
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report					
<b>COPPER GRADE A</b>					
Cash	698.50-697.50				
Three Months	671.00-670.00				
Vol	11800				
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<b>STANDARD CATHODES</b>					
Cash	693.00-690.00				
Three Months	667.50-666.00				
Vol	11800				
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Vol	11800				
<b>LEAD</b>					
Cash	295.00-298.00				
Three Months	297.50-296.00				
Vol	1100				
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<b>ZINC HIGH GRADE</b>					
Cash	480.00-481.00				
Three Months	475.00-476.00				
Vol	11800				
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<b>SILVER LAUREL</b>					
Cash	381.50-383.50				
Three Months	371.50-373.50				
Vol	1700				
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<b>MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION</b>					
Avenue of the Americas at representative markets on February 11					
C&E Cattle	92.57p per kg liv				
(+0.72)					
C&E Sheep	175.71p per kg liv				
(+0.30)					
C&E Pigs	74.98p per kg liv				
(+0.58)					
est. dead carcass weight					
<b>England and Wales:</b>					
Cattle nos. down 2.5%, a/vs.					
price, 18.95d-1.43					
Sheep nos. 57.7%, a/vs.					
price, 175.63d-1.52					
Pigs nos. 1.1%, a/vs.					
price, 74.98p-0.58					
<b>Scotland:</b>					
Cattle nos. up 24.3%, a/vs.					
price, 18.95d-1.43					
Sheep nos. up 2.5%, a/vs.					
price, 175.71p-1.43					
Pigs nos. n/a, a/vs.					
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<b>LONDON MEAT FUTURES</b>					
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## COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

# City's broom sweeps into Fleet Street

Fleet Street, the traditional home of Britain's national newspaper industry, is undergoing a dramatic transformation as the newspapers it houses at last move to new sites and into the electronics age.

"The Street of Shame" is fast becoming part of the City of London accommodating not the fourth estate but those engaged in the booming financial markets: lawyers, accountants and merchant bankers.

In most cases, national newspapers are moving printing operations to London's Docklands. The *Daily Telegraph*, *Daily Mail* and *Guardian* will shortly follow. The *Times*, *Sunday Times*, *Sun* and *News of the World* in this eastward trek. The *Financial Times* is also to be printed in Docklands and there is a possibility that the Mirror Group Newspapers and Express Newspapers will do the same.

Newspaper companies are capitalizing on the value of their Fleet Street sites as printing operations leave and journalists are moved to a variety of other locations.

The revolution in the newspaper industry, so long prevented by union obstruction to the use of modern technology, coincides with fundamental changes in the financial world. The deregulation of the City's financial markets - Big Bang - resulted in a spate of amalgamations in the Square Mile creating new financial conglomerates.

The office market in the City is booming as these companies search for larger offices to cope with 24-hour trading and the mass of electronics needed to sustain it. Prices and rents are soaring on the back of pent-up demand and a scarcity of supply. Developers are looking elsewhere for chances to build the kind of offices now in demand. Fleet Street is providing just that chance.

The first newspaper to capitalize on the property market was the *London Evening Stan-*



Out with the old: Fleet Street enters the technological age

dard after its merger with the now defunct *Evening News*. Its former home in Shoe Lane was pulled down to make way for an office development, Plumtree Court, by the newspaper's then joint owner, Trafalgar House, the shipping, property and construction group. The building is occupied by Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, which has since taken even more space nearby in a building development.

A stone's throw away, also

man Sachs will redevelop the site with about 300,000 sq ft of offices as its London headquarters. It narrowly failed to buy a large site on the river near Fleet Street owned by the City of London Corporation. The City of London Boys School site went instead to another US bank, Morgan Guaranty, for £90 million. It, too, is to build its European headquarters there.

News makes way for finance and commerce

on the riverfront, is the *Daily Mail* building. The *Mail*, owned by Associated Newspapers, will be printed in Surrey Docks and its journalists will move to Kensington, occupying part of the former Bakers department store, now an office and retail development carried out by House of Fraser. Plans for the Fleet Street building have yet to be revealed.

News International's titles are produced at Wapping, leaving the way clear for the company to cash in on the booming office market in Fleet Street by redeveloping the former home of the *Sun* and the *News of the World*.

The company received planning permission for a 300,000 sq ft office development on its Bouverie Street site at the end of last year. It is to be sold by tender and is expected to fetch more than £60 million.

The Mirror Group's headquarters in Holborn was described as "London's Taj Mahal" on its opening in 1964. While hardly bearing such a comparison, it certainly would be worth a king's ransom in today's property market. The building occupies a large and prominent site at Holborn Circus much coveted by developers who would like to redevelop the site in a scheme worth more than £200 million.

Mr Robert Maxwell, the proprietor of the Mirror Group, has yet to reveal his intentions for the future of the building. Printing operations may move out of central London although journalists are set to remain.

Mr Maxwell has been buying property beside the Mirror building for some time. He is believed to have paid £17 million for Strand House, the former WH Smith building in New Fetter Lane. It is let to Goldman Sachs on a short lease. Approaches have also been made to Brixton Estates, which owns Thavies Inn House, next to Mr Maxwell, but so far have come to nothing.

Mr Maxwell is a 16 per cent shareholder in Arlington Securities, the property company, which plans a £60 million, 210,000 sq ft scheme at Barnard's Inn across the street from the Mirror building, raising possibilities of a joint development in a scheme that could total 1 million sq ft of space.

The question for those Fleet Street proprietors who have yet to finalize their plans will be: can they cash in quickly enough on the property boom or will it have petered out by the time they move?

There will be rich pickings for those well advanced with their moves.

## APPOINTMENTS

## Director for Simon

Simon Engineering: Mr Kenneth Worthing becomes a director.

United Provincial Newspapers: Mr John Grievé has joined the board.

Sherwood Computel: Mr Brian Steward has been appointed sales and marketing director, Personal Equity Plan.

Arthur Young: Mr Don Hazel has become director, Arthur Young Corporate Resources.

MCP Management Consultants: Mr Derek Barn joins the partnership.

Unisys Corporation: Mr Richard Shum joins the board.

Gleeson Homes: Mr Howland Fisher has been appointed managing director.

FIC Lilley: Mr Archie Gilchrist becomes a non-executive director.

Inbacon Management Consultants: Mr Christopher Hies becomes associate director, financial services training.

Alexander Stenhouse Europe: Mr Michael Barrett has been made chief executive officer.

Marshall Cavendish: Mr Ray Wear has joined as director, production.

Credit Suisse First Boston: Mr Adam Lerrick becomes director, Investment Banking from March 1.

Hatch, Mansfield & Co: Mr James Whittaker joins the board.

Air Call: Mr Andy Powell has been appointed marketing director, communications division.

Anderson Strathclyde: Mr J N Clarke will join the board as a non-executive director on May 1 and will be appointed chairman.

Mr R K A Wakeling becomes finance director, charter, Mr J W Herbert joins the board as non-executive director from May 1.

McMaster Meighen: Mr Alan Whiteley becomes managing partner, London office.

Commercial Union Assurance: Mr R C Hampel becomes a non-executive director.

## Law Report February 12 1987

## Limit on judicial review of legal aid order

In re Sampson

Before Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Griffiths, Lord Ackner and Lord Goff of Chieveley [Speeches February 11]

While holding that a defendant acquitted on trial on indictment could not seek judicial review of an order made at the trial, under section 32 of the Legal Aid Act 1974, that he should pay a contribution in respect of his own legal aid, the House of Lords expressed its views on the operation of the statutory limitation on judicial review, now embodied in section 24(2) of the Supreme Court Act 1981, in relation to legal aid contribution orders made pursuant to the Legal Aid Act 1974.

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by the appellant, Martin Thomas Sampson, from the dismissal by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Croom and Mr Justice Woolf) on November 17, 1981, of his application for judicial review of an order made by Croydon Crown Court on March 22, 1980, requiring the appellant, following his acquittal on a charge of attempted arson, to contribute £250 to the cost of his legal aid defence pursuant to section 32 of the Legal Aid Act 1974.

Mr Nigel J. Ley and Miss Renee Calder for the appellant; Mr John Laws as amicus curiae.

LORD BRIDGE said that the Divisional Court had dismissed the appellant's application for

judicial review of the contribution order on the ground that the order had been made by the crown court in the exercise of "its jurisdiction in matters relating to trial on indictment" and was not, therefore, subject to review by the High Court under section 10 of the Courts Act 1971.

That decision accorded with *R v Cardiff Crown Court, Ex parte Jones* (1974) QB 113. Recently, however, in *In re Smalley* (The Times March 5, 1985; [1985] AC 622) the House of Lords voiced a doubt as to whether the *Cardiff* case had been rightly decided, and the present appellant was granted leave to appeal.

With the benefit of full argument, however, his Lordship was satisfied that a legal aid contribution order, like any other order with regard to costs which the crown court might make at the conclusion of a trial on indictment, was an integral part of the trial process, and thus belonged to the court's "jurisdiction relating to trial on indictment" and was not subject to judicial review.

That conclusion was, save from the appellant's point of view, now academic, since the relevant provisions of the Legal Aid Act 1974 had been superseded by new provisions in the Legal Aid Act 1982.

In the course of argument their Lordships had given close consideration to the latter, and it might be appropriate to express a view thereon, even if obiter.

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## Matrimonial rules mandatory for granting of decree absolute

Dackham v Dackham

Before Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Lord Justice Russell [Judgment February 11]

A decree absolute granted informally by the registrar without observing the provisions of rule 65(2) of the Matrimonial Causes Rules (SI 1977 No 344) could not be used to dissolve a marriage. That rule required the registrar to search the court minutes and satisfy himself of the matters listed therein before making a decree absolute, and was mandatory.

The Court of Appeal so stated dismissing an appeal by Ernest Dackham, as executor of the estate of Norman Dackham, deceased, from a decision of Judge Lerman, QC, at Guildford County Court.

Miss Gayle Mallon for the executor; Mr Witold Pawlak for the wife.

LORD JUSTICE STEPHEN BROWN said that the judge had before him an appeal from an order of Mr Registrar Enzer dated March 7, 1986, relating to applications for financial provision by both the husband and the wife following the pronouncement of decree nisi terminating their marriage.

The matter which the judge had to consider was whether the

decree had been made absolute. On April 4, 1986 the husband had died and it became material whether the property adjustment order made by the registrar on March 7, 1986 had taken effect. Decree nisi had been pronounced on September 11, 1985.

The registrar was under the impression that he could not hear the parties' application until the decree had been made absolute. He inquired at the commencement of the hearing with an air of informality: "Is anyone asking me for a decree absolute?"

Counsel for the husband asserted that the wife and counsel for the wife did not dissent. The registrar then granted the decree absolute and proceeded to hear the application for ancillary relief.

He ordered that the wife should transfer her interest in the matrimonial home to the husband upon payment of a certain sum by him. On April 4, 1986 the husband died and his executor became concerned on behalf of his estate.

Meanwhile the wife had already entered her appeal against the registrar's order. That came before the judge on September 26, 1986.

It was agreed that the judge

should decide as a preliminary issue whether the decree had been made absolute as a result of what had happened before the registrar. In fact, no administrative step had been taken to apply for a decree absolute before the registrar made his order of March 7 and no search had been carried out by the registrar or his staff in pursuance of the requirements of rule 65(2). No endorsement was put on the decree nisi indicating that the decree absolute had been made in accordance with rule 67(1).

The judge concluded that neither the registrar nor the court officials had carried out the mandatory duty to search set out in rule 65(2) and that the marriage had been dissolved by death and not the order of the court.

In his Lordship's judgment the requirements of rule 65(2) were mandatory and were of fundamental importance because a decree absolute was good against the whole world and could only be set aside in exceptional circumstances. The appeal was dismissed.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL agreed.

Solicitors: Helman Graham-Smith & Co (inc Gilbey H. White & Co), Godalming; Wheltons, Guildford.

## Contractual liability for negligence

Thompson v T. Lohan (Plant Hire) Ltd and Another

Before Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Woolf [Judgment February 3]

Section 2(1) of the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977 did not prevent the making of an agreement between the owner and hirer of industrial plant for regulating their liability for negligence arising from use of the plant.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by J. W. Hurdiss Ltd, the third party, from a decision of Mr Justice Hodgson, requiring them to indemnify T. Lohan (Plant Hire) Ltd, the first defendants, in respect of damages and costs payable to the plaintiff, Mrs Christine Thompson, of Fourth Avenue, Gole, North Humber-side.

Mr John Samuels, QC and Mr Robert Percival for the third party; Mr Igor Judge, QC and Mr Simeon Maskrey for the first defendants.

LORD JUSTICE FOX said that the plaintiff's husband was killed in 1982 as a result of the negligence of a Mr Hill, who was driving an excavator. Both men were employed by the first defendants, for whom they were then working at a quarry.

The plaintiff, as the personal representative of her husband, sued the first defendants and costs against the first defendants.

In the third-party proceedings, the first defendants claimed to be indemnified against liability found against them by the judge. That indemnity was based on a contract between Lohan and Hurdiss.

Lohan had hired an excavator from Hurdiss with Mr Hill as the driver. The contract of hire was made on the terms of the Construction Plant-Hire Association (CPHA) model form of contract.

Clause 8 of the CPHA form provided: "... drivers or operators shall for all purposes in connection with their employment in the working of the plant be regarded as the servants or agents of the hirer, who alone shall be responsible for all claims arising in connection with the operation of the plant by the said drivers or operators".

The purpose of clause 8, as between Lohan and Hurdiss, was that Mr Hill was to be regarded as the servant of Hurdiss, who was to be responsible for his negligence.

But Hurdiss contended that the clause operated to exclude or restrict liability for death or personal injury resulting from negligence and was therefore struck down by section 2(1) of the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977. Hurdiss relied on *Phillips Products Ltd v Hyland and Another* (The Times December 23, 1984).

Section 2(1) of the 1977 Act provided: "A person cannot by reference to any contract term or to a notice given to persons generally or to particular per-

sons exclude or restrict his liability for death or personal injury resulting from negligence".

The comparison with the *Phillips* case was not justified. There the tortfeasor was seeking to exclude his liability by reliance on the section if he had been successful, the victim of his negligence would have been left without a remedy.

The sharp distinction with the present case was that in the present case there was no exclusion or restriction of liability for negligence by reliance on clause 8. The plaintiff had got a judgment which she could enforce and she was not prejudiced in any way by the operation of the clause.

All that had happened was that Lohan and Hurdiss had agreed between them as to who was to bear responsibility. There was nothing in section 2(1) to prevent that.

Section 2(1) was concerned with protecting the victim of negligence. It was not concerned with arrangements between the wrongdoer and others as to sharing or bearing the burden of compensating the victim. In such a case, there was no exclusion or restriction of the liability. Accordingly, the clause did not fall within the prohibition of the section.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON and LORD JUSTICE WOOLF delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Hewitt Woolfson & Chown for Motion Slack & Co, Sheffield; Burton & Co, Lincoln.

## Limitation in arbitrations

Kenya Railways v Antares Pte Ltd

Before Lord Justice O'Connor, Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord Justice Gidwell [Judgment January 29]

The provisions of section 35 of the Limitation Act 1980 relating to the substitution of a party to proceedings were inapplicable to arbitration proceedings and accordingly a claimant who named the wrong party in seeking to commence arbitration proceedings was not entitled to rely on that section in order to substitute the correct party.

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing appeals by the plaintiffs, Kenya Railways, from decisions given in favour of the defendants, Antares Pte Ltd by Mr Justice Leggatt and Mr Justice Steyn on November 4, 1985 ([1986] 2 Lloyd's Rep 626) and Mr Justice Steyn on April 25, 1986 ([1986] 2 Lloyd's Rep 633).

The plaintiffs were the owners of a bill of lading for the carriage of a cargo of machinery from Antwerp to Mombasa. When the cargo was discharged in February 1984 it was discovered

that it had been carried on deck and was seriously damaged.

The bill of lading was on the form of Mediterranean Shipping Co SA (MSC). The plaintiffs assumed that MSC were the owners of the vessel.

In January 1985 the plaintiffs gave notice of arbitration naming MSC in their claim for damages. In February 1985 when the one-year time bar under article III, rule 6 of the Hague-Visby Rules had expired, MSC informed the plaintiffs that they were not in fact the owners of the vessel.

The plaintiffs sought, *inter alia*, to substitute the defendants, the correct owners, as defendants to the proceedings.

Mr Clive Nicholas, QC and Mr Julien Hooper for the plaintiffs; Mr M. J. Moore-Bick, QC and Mr J. N. C. Gossman for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said that the Hague-Visby Rules which had force of law applied to the arbitration so that an arbitration had to be brought within one year.

MSC were not acting as agents of the defendants in respect of the claim and therefore no

question of estoppel arose to prevent the defendants from relying on the time bar.

The plaintiffs sought to rely on section 35 of the 1980 Act and submitted that there was no reasonable doubt as to the party intended to be pursued in the claim.

However, that section applied only when there was a validly commenced claim already in existence and therefore it did not apply to the present case in any event.

Moreover, arbitration was a consensual matter and the arbitrator had no jurisdiction except what was given by the parties. So it would be contrary to that consensual basis if a court had the power to order the substitution of parties.

LORD JUSTICE GIDWELL, concurring in the result, said that section 35 was unlikely to apply to arbitrations and in any event did not apply to the arbitration in the present case.

LORD JUSTICE O'CONNOR agreed with LORD JUSTICE LLOYD.

Solicitors: Nabarro Nathanson; Richards Butler.

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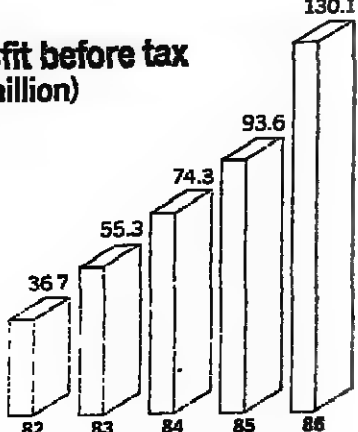
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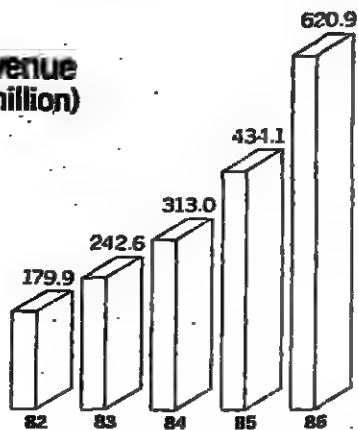
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### Profit before tax (£ million)



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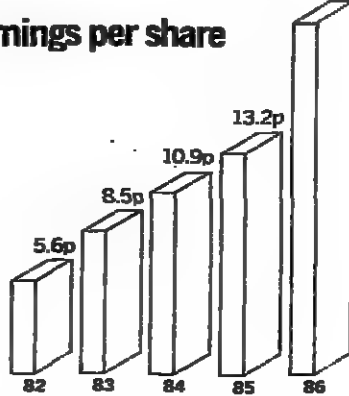
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## GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

February 12, 1987

The most galling moment so far this year came when the topless model Fiona Wright was asked what had attracted her to Sir Ralph Halpern. "When I saw him sitting behind his desk in his opulent office," she is quoted as saying, "he looked just like Blake Carrington."

It was indeed galling for the thousands of us who had devoted so much time and effort during Industry Year 1986 to dispel the belief of many young people that industry and commerce really are like the worlds of *Dynasty* or *Dallas*.

Industry Matters, the campaign that succeeded Industry Year 1986, has not been helped by some of the events that have taken place in its first few weeks.

The Guinness scandal has rocked the City and destroyed much public confidence in the Square Mile. A recent survey showed that 68 per cent of about 300 senior executives and company chairmen believe the Geoffrey Collier affair and the Guinness scandal "have damaged the image of the City a lot".

If this is the belief among two-thirds of business leaders, how many more people in both education and the community must share their view? And these last named groups will be much more

reluctant to view the Guinness affair as a one-off.

There have been other stories as well that have damaged the image of industry and trade unions. There is the dispute at British Telecom, until recently held up as the flagship of the newly privatized industries. There was the attempted take-over of Pilkington by BTR. A senior and much respected regional union official, has been accused of misappropriating large amounts of money from a business venture that was designed to create jobs in a depressed area in the South-West.

In the light of all this, it is clear that the most urgent requirement of the Industry Matters campaign is that all senior figures in the world of industry and commerce must remind themselves urgently of the morality and indeed the idealism of what they do — and of their duty to put this over to others.

Leading businessmen and trade unionists cannot and should not expect that the community is prepared to accept immoral or, at best, amoral activities. The creation of wealth, the provider of jobs, the producer of goods and services — industry is at best not just an essential, but in some ways also a noble activity.

But this message will be under-

**Industry is the noble activity of service, not boardroom politics, says Alistair Graham**

stood only if we never cease in our efforts to put it across. The message must go to our own employees, as well as the outside world.

In this respect I wonder if it really is helpful to devise systems that enable senior executives to be paid millions of pounds through share schemes. Of course, entrepreneurs who take high-risk enterprises that prove successful should be highly rewarded. But surely there is a point where the high rewards given to a few undermine and undervalue the contribution that all employees make to a successful enterprise.

The other consequence of the events of the past few weeks is that we all need to redouble our efforts to explain to the community as a whole, but particularly the world of education, why industry does



matter so much and what it is really like.

The Industrial Society is urging schools throughout the country to mark the Industry Matters campaign by setting up their own school industrial societies run by young people for young people, to

enable them to find out what industry is all about. Every one of the new societies will require an industrial company sponsor.

Several pilot school societies were set up during 1986, and the results were most promising. The society at Porth County Comprehensive in South Wales, for example, not only visited local companies and had speakers from industry and commerce, but also set up a company within the school, making and selling mirrors to parents.

The new Education Act gives increased powers to school governors, and we need to ensure during this year not only that a good number of our people are in fact school governors, but also that we offer a proper back-up service to people within our own organization who already are governors. Governors can play a quite crucial role both in telling us what is going on in the ever-changing world of education, and in relaying to education the ever-changing needs of industry.

There may also be a vital job for industrial school governors to do in helping with the effective management of schools and colleges. There is much good practice in industry and commerce that could be usefully translated into our schools.

There are other areas for action as well. They include the secondment of people to schools and colleges as "industrial fellows", doing what we can to help with the shortage of maths and physics teachers, perhaps by arranging short-term secondments to schools by those of our employees who are looking for part-time jobs such as those on maternity and paternity leave, and continuing to play a full and constructive part in the Youth Training Scheme.

In short, we need to become wholeheartedly and fully involved in any scheme or project that will bring young people and their teachers closer to an appreciation of the reality of industry and commerce.

All the evidence is that when presented with the challenges, on schools-industry conferences and the like, the problem is not generating enthusiasm among young people, but actually trying to contain it.

An example of this comes from a recent schools-industry conference for sixth-form girls at an independent girls' school in London, when the chairman berated his audience for not knowing enough about the role of trade

unions in general, and not listening to the trade union viewpoint in disputes. As a result, the afternoon session of the conference was addressed by a National Communications Union picket — invited in by the students themselves.

I should add that it is standard Industrial Society policy to have both a manager and a union representative speaking to students alongside each other. The remarkable point for the young people is the extent of common ground and agreement. But on this occasion the enthusiasm of the young people far outran the conference organizers' ability.

Channel Four is marking the Industry Matters campaign by showing the 1960s series on business, *The Power Game*. But what we need to do throughout this year is to show that industry is not a game about power, but a game about service. Service to customers, service to shareholders, service to employees and service to society.

That is why industry matters, not because, as Fiona Wright was led to believe, it is a *Dallas*-style free-for-all, but because it is an area of crucial importance and real worth to the whole community.

Alistair Graham is the director of The Industrial Society

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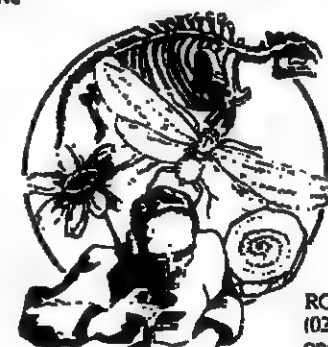
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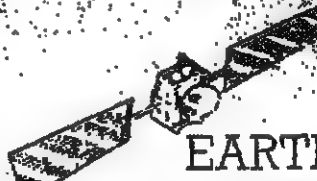
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## HORIZONS

A guide to  
career opportunities

## Starting on a high note

Dan Sullivan set up his own business in order to do something he really enjoyed. But he made sure he was on a sound economic footing first, says Roger Jones

"What gave you the idea to start an unusual business like this?"

"I decided to do something I really enjoyed."

Setting up in business is a challenging task which demands that you keep your wits about you. Enjoyment is surely a secondary consideration, and I was frankly worried by the answer I received from the young entrepreneur who was showing me his new purpose-built recording studio.

I should, perhaps, assure everyone that the idea of cutting a disc or taking the pop world by storm was far from my mind. I was in these unfamiliar surroundings simply because the project intrigued me, even though I suspected it owed more to muddled-headed idealism than sound commercial logic.

Yet Dan Sullivan seemed not to be the flamboyant, irresponsible showbiz type, and as we talked it became clear that he had given the matter careful consideration. Indeed, after hearing about the two years' progress of the scheme — from the design stage to realization — I couldn't help feeling that anyone proposing to set up on their own would do well to take a leaf out of Dan's book.

For one thing he had identified a gap in the market. The Cotswolds are not exactly awash with recording studios and rehearsal rooms, and the purpose-built variety are comparatively rare. Letting portable studio equipment for hire had brought him into contact with all kinds of musicians interested in making demonstration tapes, for which they needed good quality recording facilities at moderate cost.

The premises are, indeed, excellent. I was intrigued to learn that both the studio and the practice area in which we were standing were like boxes resting on rubber mountings and making no contact at all with the walls of the building. This was, I was told, the ultimate in sound-proofing. Not a peep could penetrate to the exterior, or vice versa.

The second thing that impressed me was that the business was starting off on a sound financial basis. Alas, many small firms tend to be grossly under-capitalized, and Dan was quick to recognize the dangers of this.

"If you start off with a big overdraft or loan," he explained, "you may be forced into massive price-cutting, simply in order to generate cash flow to meet the



Avoiding the pitfalls: Dan and Jane Sullivan at their Cheltenham studio payments. That is the beginning of the end in this business. As you start to lower your sights, the prospects of ever making a profit quietly recede, and you find yourself on a downward spiral.

He is fortunate in having a close relation who has financed the construction of the building with the help of a small mortgage, and actually owns it. Dan is responsible for the 24-track recording equipment and furnishings — already paid for out of his savings — as well as the running costs. Letting part of the building to an interior designer will help to offset these.

Another pitfall he is avoiding is that of putting all his eggs in one basket. An electronics buff by trade, he plans to continue with his work with transistors and micro-chips for the time being so that he is not entirely dependent on his studio for a living. The first year of operation of any business is unlikely to yield much profit (usually it is the reverse), so his prudence is to be applauded.

First-hand knowledge  
of musicians' needs

Moreover, if the whole enterprise turns out to be a disaster, he will not be lumbered with a white elephant. The premises have been designed in such a way that they can easily be converted into offices or workshops... though Dan is confident that he will not need to resort to such expedients.

Was he aware of all the ins and outs of the business, I wondered? Certainly his experience in electronics should stand him in good stead. He is used to handling and repairing sensitive equipment and he has spent a good deal of time familiarizing himself with the new recording equipment. This means that he is quite self-sufficient, with no need to employ any technical staff.

Apart from his useful technical expertise, Dan has been a performer as well — albeit in an amateur capacity. He

therefore has first-hand knowledge of musicians' needs and has been able to bear these in mind during the design stages of his recording complex. These include a comfortable lounge where musicians can relax between takes, and a powerful air-conditioning/extractor system. Musicians, it seems, generate prodigious quantities of cigarette smoke.

Finally, it is no secret that running an enterprise involves more than just knowing which button to press and keeping the customers happy. There is the actual business side: monitoring the cash flow, sending out invoices and payment reminders, marketing, accounts, and so on. Dan is the first to admit his short-comings in this area.

However, this wily businessman-embryo has already appointed a business manager — his wife.

An even shrewder move was to send her off for training. Jane has recently completed an MSC-sponsored business course for would-be entrepreneurs at the local tech. She believes the insights she has gained into commerce will prove invaluable once they get going.

Enthusiasm is an admirable quality, but it can blind the uninitiated to the harsh realities of business life. Yet I left the Voice studio in much more composed mood, knowing that the Sullivans were embarking on their new responsibilities in a commendably level-headed manner.

They had recognized the potential for such a business and done their homework. They are starting off on a sound financial footing, and are drawing on skills and experience developed over the years. And — last but not least — they have an alternative strategy to fall back on should their enterprise not achieve the success it obviously deserves.

These are considerations that should weigh heavily with anyone with entrepreneurial ambitions who wants to start off on a high note. Doing a job you really enjoy need not be an impossible dream... provided you set about it in a business-like fashion.

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## Gloucester's den holds no fears for the Surrey lion-tamers

## Old Boys set for a mudlark

Old Reigations are hoping that they fare better than Dr Foster did when they visit Gloucester on Saturday. "Stepping into a puddle", as the nursery rhyme would have it, is the least of their worries. The Kingsholm mud is manageable; the redoubtable Gloucester pack may not be.

Mind you, the Surrey Old Boys have already cocked a snook at the form book, as their flanker Thorfinn Maciver, aged 23, will wrily tell you: "I came down here from Gala hoping to see out my playing days in a rather more leisurely style. Since then it's been London Irish last year's (Surrey Cup) final, followed by Exeter, Saracens and now Gloucester in this year's John Player competition."

Reigations were the toast of the third round of the John Player Special Cup for their marvellous 12-10 victory over Saracens. The draw for the fourth round was not to be kind though, for it pitched them into the lion's den of Kingsholm, home of the three times Cup winners and present John Smith's merit table A champions.

Apart from the playing disparity, there's also a huge gulf in resources. Match days in Gloucester see more than 40 staff employed, with five bars in operation to cater for the 2,000 plus membership. Meanwhile, at Park Lane, Reigate (an ironically swish address for such simple, yet charming facilities) the players cough up their £3.50 match fee for a game, a jug of beer and the hope of pie and beans if someone's managed to organize a duty tea roster.

Old Reigations rise to fame is all the more remarkable in that they are one of the few remaining genuine Old Boys clubs. About 75 per cent of their six sides are products of Reigate Grammar School, including 11 of the First XV. Any outsiders are carefully vetted by committee. The link down the generation gives the club a feel of a close-knit community and a sense of camaraderie which will sustain them long after their eventual exit from the Cup. Such qualities have also been put to good use on the field.

"The commitment and enthusiasm of the players have been tremendous," said Lyn Flye, aged 41, the club's Welsh coach. "We've been at it three times a week for two months. That includes every Sunday morning, as well as travelling to London Scottish for scrummaging sessions. We've also had the benefit of the school's new Powerhouse scrum machine. I think we might take that with us to Kingsholm, put the brakes on and then see how good they are."

Such humour and self-mockery are what rugby clubs are supposed to be made of, and nowadays at least, so rarely are. Old Reigations would seem to be an exception. They even took their disastrous run-up to the Saracens match in their stride. Firstly two captains, Gordon Sproul and his successor Graham Read, were injured. Shortly after the snows came and wreaked havoc with training programmes, and then a video of Saracens in action was wiped off by a

player's wife for an episode of East Enders. The stuff of soap operas indeed. The media attention hasn't gone to their heads either, although Flye chuckles as he recalled the arrival of the Rugby Special cameras two weeks ago. "I'd never seen half of those that turned up training that night. You could tell the fly-boys — all clean shirts and creases in their shorts."

Since the injuries, the burden of captaincy has fallen on the shoulders of David Payton, the hooker. His high pressure life as a Lloyds insurance broker in the City is but nothing compared to the demands made on a junior club skipper who does more than toss up and decide which end to take. Last weekend the affable Payton, aged 27, capped with a flu epidemic which decimated his side, popped into his sister's wedding, led his team to a 15-6 victory over Guildford and Gouding and then oversaw Sunday's workout in dank and dismal conditions. The session was a blend of pleasure and pain for the 30 players, schoolboy-like excitement at the thought of the big day ahead; agony at the physical demands being made yet again upon them. "Round those trees there," barked the coach. "Trees? That's a bloody forest!" And off they went.

One hopes that the reprieve at least is still intact on Saturday evening and that this particular St Valentine's Day won't be producing any massacres.

Mick Cleary



The Old Boys' captain David Payton, a City insurance broker, with his colleagues (Photograph: Peter Trevino)

## Teague's ban is criticized

A 45-day ban on the former England lock now forward Mike Teague for punching a Bridgend forward was condemned by his club, Gloucester, yesterday. "It was a harsh decision considering the kind of game involved," the Gloucester secretary, Terry Tandy, said.

Teague's ban, imposed by the Gloucestershire RFU disciplinary committee on Tuesday night, will keep him out of action until March 17. He will therefore miss not only Gloucester's John Player Cup fourth round tie with Old Reigations this weekend, but also the quarter-final stage of the competition on February 28.

Should Gloucester progress to the semi-final, on March 28th, Teague will be available, his ban having ended 11 days earlier.

His suspension follows an incident at the end of Gloucester's stormy game with Bridgend at Kingsholm on January 31. Gloucester won 20-17 with a last-minute penalty.

There was trouble between Teague and the Bridgend lock Jeff Jenkins in a maul following a lineout. Teague twice lashed out at Jenkins, and also referee, Peter Fitzgibbon, who had already cautioned the two captains earlier in the match, sent Teague off.

Disciplinary committee chairman Barry Jones said yesterday: "In deciding on 45 days rather than the minimum 10, we took into account Teague's previous sending off against Bath in January, 1983. He had been sent off on two earlier occasions, but we regarded these as 'spent' convictions."

Tandy said: "We all thought he should get away with only four weeks considering the context of the game concerned. People who saw the whole match will think Mike was most unfortunate. But surely the disciplinary committee is not allowed to take the game into account and can only consider the referee's report."

Teague has been the outstanding player in Gloucester's side this season. Playing at No. 8 he has made his mark in most of the club's fixtures. In his absence was keenly felt when Gloucester were beaten to Bristol last Friday.

"He is a hard man to replace and he really has been in superb form this season," Tandy said. "It is a great shame that he will be kept out for so long because of this."

## Rare visit

Newport, who were due to play at Leicester last week, have plugged their fixture gap with a match against Northampton. Leicester will meet Rosslyn Park in the John Player Cup. Northampton, who have never won in eight trips to Rodney Parade, will be making their first visit to the Welsh club for 20 years.

## England need every inch of their second-row giants

By David Hands  
Rugby Correspondent

England have made four changes, one of them positional, in the team to play France at Twickenham on February 21. From those who failed to distinguish themselves in Dublin last weekend against Ireland they have dropped both locks, Nigel Redman and David Cusani, and Paul Simpson, the No. 8. Their places go to the flyde pair, Steve Bainbridge and Wade Dooley, and the Nottingham flanker, Gary Rees, joins the back row where, John Hall is moved to No. 8.

The amendments to the pack come as no surprise. Had they been fit, Bainbridge and Dooley would have made a strong case for selection in the side originally picked in January for the postponed Calcutta Cup match. They form probably the tallest second-row pairing England have fielded and, looking ahead to the World Cup, where Australia have two lampposts of their own — Steve Cutler and Bill Campbell — England will need every inch of them.

The flyde pair also bring much-needed experience to the team. Bainbridge would have won more than his 13 caps but for his absence from international rugby over the last two seasons because of his being sent off in club matches. Now 30, he is an older and a wiser man, with a British Lions tour in New Zealand in 1983 to his credit and an ability to run and handle which will suit Australian conditions in May.

The bar to his recall was the possibility that he had not regained full match fitness after a 10-week absence because of a hamstring injury. The selectors evidently believe he has recovered, as has Dooley, whose season has had more continuity, but who has found his best form elusive after receiving a bad knee ligament injury last April.

Dooley has 10 caps and two full international seasons behind him during which one of his most endearing characteristics was the ability to learn quickly. He and Bainbridge have played together only once in an international, when Dooley came on in the second half of the second match against New Zealand in 1985. But they have derived an understanding from playing in the same club, where Bainbridge jumps at the front

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## England v France

(at Twickenham, February 21)

W M H Rose (Harlequins), M E Harrison (Worcestershire), J L B Salmon (Harlequins), K G Smeaton (Worcestershire), J Underwood (Gloucester), C R H Andrew (Wasps), R J Hall (Bath), P A G Randall (Wasps), N G R Dwyer (Bath), G S Pearce (Northampton), J A H Jones (Northampton), W A Dooly (Flyde), J Hoadley (Reading), J P Hall (Bath), R Cusani (Reading), S J Hastings (Bath), S Barnes (Bath), M J Gifford (Bath), G J Collins (Bath), B C Moore (Northampton), D Egerton (Bath).

England v France B  
(at Bath, February 20)

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England v France C  
(at Bath, February 19)

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## SQUASH RACKETS

## Davenport boosts Leicester

By Colin McQuillan

With 10 leading American Express Premier League players away in Finland for the opening rounds of the IVO international championship, Stuart Davenport's decision to return this week to lead Skel Leicester to a 4-1 victory over Halls West Country brings new menace to the top of the league table.

Davenport, a 6ft 5in New Zealander ranked third in the world and on his day one of the most exciting exponents of the modern game, allowed Cerry Jones of West Country only two points from their first string encounter, strengthening the Oddy-based Leicester side to such an extent at the top that his colleagues, Martin Bodimeade, Paul Millington and Simon Taylor, were granted similarly simple victories.

The win brought Skel Leicester into second place on 72 points, with a rescheduled match in hand against Chapel Allerton next Monday, promising the chance of sufficient points to overtake the Poundstretcher Dummies Mill squad, who lead on 77 points after narrowly defeating InterCity Cannons.

The InterCity team were missing Ross Norman, the world champion, from their line-up just as Halls were without Rodney Martin, the young Australian who holds the British Under-23 Open title.

Massachusetts Northern were at full strength, with both Geoff Williams and Rick Hill playing, against a Vase Moore side who lost Chris Dittmar, Mark Maclean and Zain Saleh to Finland. The predictable 5-0 result plunged the Wakefield club deep into the relegation zone but brought Manchester, the 1985 league champions, into fourth place on the same total, 71 points, as InterCity Cannons, Dummies Mill won this week without their vital middle-order strength of Philip Whitlock and Danny Higgins. Next week against Halls West Country they expect to field a full squad behind Phil Kenyon, the British No. 1.

Everything is building to a climax on February 24 as a day equal last year's final league fixture when Cannons won the title on a games comeback from Ardleigh Heath. This year the destination of the Amex Trophy will almost certainly be decided on that day when the penultimate fixture between Poundstretcher Dummies Mill and Skel Leicester at East Grinstead.

RESULTS: Ardleigh Hall 5, Arrow Village 0; Halls West Country 4, Chapel Allerton 1; Poundstretcher Dummies Mill 3, InterCity Cannons (London) 2; Manchester 5, Vase Moore 0; Halls West Country 1, Skel Leicester 4.

League table: P W L Pts. Dummies Mill 14 11 3 72; Leicester 13 11 2 72; Cannons 13 11 2 71; Manchester N 13 10 3 67; Chapel All 13 10 3 67; Arrow Village 13 9 4 61; Halls West 13 9 4 61; InterCity 13 8 5 56; Ardleigh Hall 13 8 5 56; Vase Moore 13 7 6 49; Poundstretcher 13 6 7



## City Entertainer to pass audition

Finally, I GOT STUNG, who was a good friend of this column last Spring, is supposed to make another successful start by winning the Dick Woodhouse Hunter Chase, in the safe hands of Alan HIBL. The winner of four similar races last season, I Got Stung appears to have a very rosy future and should have

**Drumlagan**, third to win the 1984 Burrough Hill Led in the 1984 Cheltenham Gold Cup, makes his hunter chase debut today in the 2½-mile Major Charles Townsend Memorial at Huntingdon but the 13-year-old may find this distance a bit too short (Brian Beal writes).

**Stawell Operator**, a top-class hunter in Ireland, proved disappointing for Stan Mellor, but a season's hunting may have sweetened him up and he is favoured by the weights.

At Wincanton, in the Dick Woodhouse Hunter Chase, the potentially brilliant 1 got Stanger makes his seasonal reappearance and should have little difficulty in beating his 1984



Michael Seely's selection: 2.30 Agathist.

going: good to soft				
130 GLATTON SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (1,226 2m 4f) (28 runners)				
1	1000-40	IRISH HARVEST (A Walton) R Bane 6-12-2	M Head (F)	15 12-1
2	23-00	FLAMING PEARL (R Goodman) S Stevens 6-11-11	Pacey Pitches-Hayes	15 12-1
3	01-02	FLS-DE-BLOND (B Blanton) R Bums 5-11-8	T Pined	15 12-2
4	22-00	ROUNDER (J Loughran) E Buckle 5-11-8	E Buckle	15 12-2
5	PP-21	THERESA (G Blum) G Blum 5-10-12	D Pined	15 8-1
6	2/003-10	B'S MOON (V Mrs M McCusker) R Blakeney 6-10-12	Judy Bailey	15 16-1
7	00-10	COLONEL POPSKI (C Krensch) J Macdon 5-10-12	M Broley (A)	17 14-1
8	00-02	WANSLEY (C Chappell) R Chappell 5-10-12	C Chappell	17 14-1
9	00-00	LEITCHWORTH (C Orscho) H O'Neill 6-10-10	H Chapman (A)	15 20-1
10	200P-10	VIRGINIA PAGEANT (Mrs L Gray) F Gray 5-10-9	P Conroy (F)	15 18-1
11	F100	TYRANNISE (D To Bsh) E Mochlan 4-10-9	T Wall	15 14-1
12	F-04	PLATINUM BLOND (J Loughran) R Bane 6-10-8	S Woods (F)	17 14-1
13	04-00	BALLI SPRINGS (Bn R Woodhouse) R Woodhouse 5-10-7	B Woods (F)	17 14-1
14	01-10	FRIENDLY BEE (C Hagati) B Richmond 5-10-6	C Burton (F)	14 14-1
15	PPP-PP	CHATELAIN PRINCESS (B) Deakler LK R Snow 6-10-4	D Dutton	15 38-1
16	04-00	WANSLEY (C Chappell) R Chappell 5-10-2	C Chappell	17 14-1
17	02-00	RELIUCTANT GIFT (D Gandolfo) D Gandolfo 5-10-2	T Gandy (F)	15 14-1
18	03-00	TIERE GATE (Bn R Holsheider) R Holsheider 4-10-1	P Dever	15 14-1
19	PP-00	RUDOLPH MOLE (Mrs S Lammey) Mrs S Lammey 4-10-0	P Conrigan	25-1
20	04-00	WANSLEY (C Chappell) R Chappell 5-10-2	C Chappell	17 14-1
21	00-00	THE MOON AND BARK (R Lawrence) J Davies 4-10-0	G Haver (F)	25-1
22	00-00	PIREGRIN (Bn J Jones) S Dow 5-10-0	M Perrett	25-21
23	00-00	PIER LORO (Bn T Cronan) M Hinchiffe 4-10-0	C Burton (F)	33-1

**FORM** **PILE-DR-OE** (10-1) had little chance with the winner when 20/20 and Kuwait Lead (10-4), with **PELEGRI** (10-5) pulled up at Stratford (2m, 2388, good to soft, Dec 29, 11, 11th). **TERESA** (10-1) was the most disappointing of the 10-10's at Stratford (2m, 2388, good to soft, Jan 7, 11th). **VIRGINIA** appeared (10-9) and on one pace to be 7/30 at Stratford (10-10) on **FLANNING** PEARL, (11-1) another 3 back in 4th. **IRISH HARVEST** (11-6) out of the first 8 and **PELEGRI** (10-5) pulled up at Longfield (2m, 2105G, good to soft, Feb 5, 23 1st). **IRISH HARVEST** (11-10) bettered judging on previous outing at Longfield (2m, 2105G, good to soft, Feb 5, 23 1st). **IRISH HARVEST** (11-10) bettered judging on previous outing in the season when beating **WILSON** (10-10), with **TERESA** (10-9) a bit better 8th at Leicester (2m, 2026, soft, Dec 15, 11th). **RELUCTANT GIFT** (10-9) bettered on a 2 1/2' and Trust Marshall (10-10) at Leicester (2m, 2105, good to soft, Dec 2, 10th).

**IRISH HARVEST**

00 WHITLEYSE HANDICAP (CZ 22:28-3m) (14 runners)			
1	POKROD	BRIGHT DANCE (C) (J Holmes) J Gelford 11-11-13	Peter Hobbs 94-14-1
5	038-114	CARE (C) (S Sammartino) T Forster 11-11-13	N Davies 93-7-2
7	079-320	GO D DORR (C) (J Gelford) J Gelford 11-11-13	W J Gelford 94-14-1
12	04-21	CLAUDE MONTE (T) (Whaley) D Ganoello 1-1-13	Al Dryer 93-7-2
13	23U-10	TURN BLUE (C) (Jes Henson) R Champion 6-10-13	L Weyer 94-14-1
14	02-22	GALA PRINCE (C) (J Gelford) J Gelford 11-11-13	W J Gelford 94-14-1
15	14U-11	RYNNER'S TOWER (C) (C Hubbard) R Hubbard 6-10-13	M J Gelford 94-14-1
16	1P-008	SPRINGWOOD (B) (A Gidrey) G Hangan 10-10-13	S McNeill 94-14-1
17	01-004	SOLAR (C) (J Gelford) J Gelford 11-11-13	M J Gelford 94-14-1
18	23U-11	HURRAY HAWK (J Matzhevsky) J Matzhevsky 7-10-13	M J Gelford 94-14-1
19	43P-00D	PATCHING (S Esmenberg) J Spinning 9-10-13	P Lawrence 94-14-1
20	01-008	ASSAY GARDEN (C) (J Gelford) J Gelford 11-11-13	M J Gelford 94-14-1
20	13U-13	MATCHING (D Bell) D Bell 12-1-13	M J Gelford 94-14-1

**FORM** BRIGHT DREAM (12-0) weakened inside first mile when 34 5/16 to Gainesville (1-7) at Newbury Park, Sept. 24, 2 yr, 8 fms. CAREE (11-0) best judged on credentials (1-7) when beaten by Harrington (10-1) 12/1 over course and distance (1:58.4) good, Nov. 25, 4 am, GOLD BEARER (11-3) stayed on from the 3rd seat to beat Linspire Bridge (10-3) 2/4 at Cheyenne Park, 4:32.23, Jan. 27, 7 fms. LINSPIRE BRIDGE (10-3) 2/4 at Cheyenne Park, 4:32.23, Jan. 27, 7 fms. LINSPIRE BRIDGE (10-3) 2/4 at Cheyenne Park, 4:32.23, Jan. 27, 7 fms. RHYMER'S TOWER (10-1) best effort when beating Dice Followler (10-1) 2/4, 2:23.51, Sept. 26, 13 fms., a race in which SOUTHERN PRINCE (10-3) was out of the first 8. On first start last season MASTER BEAUTY (11-7) was 14/32 to African Star (1-0) at Lakewood (fms, 1:58.85, Nov. 25, 5 fms).

1	00-21	JAY EITZINGERMAN (R) (A Haskett)	Miss C Postelnschneide	6-11-8	J J Quinn	88 92-2
2	00-24	COLE ALICE (BF) (C Phillips)	J Wilson	6-11-8	H Davies	83 16-1
3	00-40	KYLEMAGILL (H Heaton)	Miss S Oliver	6-11-8	J Duggan	72 20-1
4	02-10	POWERLESS (BF) (T Wazerman)	Winter	6-11-8	P Edwards	76 12-1
5	12-03	ROBIN GOODFELLOW (H) (Miss D Swann)	G Bolding	6-11-8	G Bradley	89 11-2
6	02-11	HABLES (BF) (H Haskett)	Miss J Wilson	6-11-8	J Duggan	88 11-2
7	00-18	WILSON (BF) (H Haskett)	Miss J Wilson	6-11-8	J Duggan	88 11-2
8	13-08	LOODON LAD (F) (Mrs J Mead)	D Bolding	6-11-8	D Bolding	88 11-2
9	11-11	WIP OF ORANGE (D) (Miss H Haggis)	Jenny Fitzgerald	5-10-11	M Dryer	86 6-1
10	41	ABSTRAIT (D) (W D Punt)	Miss G Pritchard-Gordon	4-10-8	S Sharwood	80 9-2

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By Michael Seely

RACING: good to soft			
145 CARTON DENHAM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (21.75s; 3m 1f 8 runners)			
1	36-1224	GEATA AN USICE (R Danny T Foster) 9-12-0	I Harvey 91 F-2
2	10-3034	LUCKY NEW (C) Mags M Taversham T Bulgin 12-11-3	M Bewley 96
3	10-3040	THREE CHANGES (M) Patsy R Channon 8-10-11	C Clendinning 95
4	02-2312	MOCKEY DICK (R) Robert J. Hannon 12-11-3	J Long 97
5	80-03-4	THORNTON (P Tucker) J H Baker 8-10-16	G Landau 96 10-1
6	01-03-4	CHREADLE GREEN (G) W Webster 10-7 T Hallett 10-10-8	D Morris 96 8-1
7	00-01-0	MICKLEY DICK (R) Robert J. Hannon 12-11-3	G Norton 93 8-2
8	00-04-0	YOUNG BLOOD (P) John S. Chapman 8-10-7	A McWhorter 94
9	00-03-7	GIDDYCAP (B) (M) Denny J Hobbs 11-10-10	I Wright 98 13-1
10	12-22-2	OWEN GLENDOW (R) (M) Mrs J Spelman R Holder 10-10-3	W McFarland 93 6-1
11	00-03-0	CHURCHILL OF GEDWY (M) J. H. Williams 11-10-10	A Stanger 94 10-1
12	00-00	COMPTON BOY (R) Clements) C Hoimes 11-10-0	W J Brown 93 25-1
13	02-0-0	URRAD BOY (D Ferguson) P Ramsey 11-10-0	03 18-1
14	03-01-0	BEVE ORCHID (G) Haylen K Baskin 11-10-0	03 16-1
15	01-00-0	BLACKBURN (R) Smig) J Wade 10-10-0	03 16-1
16	01-00-0	PLAYFIELDS (Andrew Barr Tanna Courts) P Burynque 12-10-0	K Thornton 91 25-1
17	00-00-0	LADY SWEETPEAS (S) Patsy W R Williams 11-10-0	A Stanger 94 33-1

TIME MEETING ABANDONED - SHOW AND PRIZE				
<b>15 EBF HART HILL STUD NOVICE MAIDRE (Mares: £1,436: 2m) (21 runners)</b>				
2	112	SPRING PHILTRE (Cofar) (P Watson) D 6-10-7	C Brown	26 P-4
3	BUSY MITTENS (Mrs B) (P Halsey) M McCourt 6-10-7	G McCourt		
4	CADOGHIE (Mrs C Smith) D Nelson	R Buggin	27 5-4	
5	36-620	CELTIC CYGNET (P) (Trotting Ltd) Mrs M Pittam 6-10-7	S Birtwell	
14	DOODLE DECISION (Mrs J Peppert) P Bailey 6-10-7	P Nicholls	28-1	
16	00-040-10	EMMANZIAN (P Aschard) C Thelma 6-10-7	C Southern	30-1
17	GOULIN THUMBIE (P Barber) P Barber 6-10-7	C Gory	30-3	
20	23022	GREAT ART BALLY (J. Priggo) T Bailey 6-10-7	M Williams	36 8-1
24	RDP	INNISH SURPRISE (J. Kennay) J Payne 6-10-7	R Millman	38-1
31	00	LEGAL AID (P H.R.) L Kennard 7-10-7	B Powell	25-1
32	000033	LOST KHAM (J. Johnson) J. Johnson 6-10-7		
2-22-02	2-22-02	MINOR CHICKEN Mrs J. Woodcock 5-10-7	G Warracott 5-1	25-1
35	000-00	LOST COUNTRY (G Stickland) G Stickland 6-10-7	Mr S Stickland	25-1
36	000-00	NISS BURGUNDY (J. Ramet) J Wardle 6-10-7	K Townsend 7	77 16-1
37	4-00000	OBORNE EXPRESS (U. Doney) R Holder 7-10-7	N Coleman	18 30-1
38	000-000	PANTOMIME (Mrs D. Dwyer) E. Foley 6-10-7	A Sheple	25-1
39	000-000	PORTLY LASS (D. Mearns) D. Mearns 6-10-7	W. Williams 2-1	25-1
45	0P-00P	RUMFUL AIR (C. Mitchell) C Mitchell 7-10-7	H Mitchell 7	25-1
46	000-000	RAULY FURZE (G Cox) K Bishop 10-10-7	C Cox	28-1
47	00	SARAYATIA (W. Roker) M Magwick 5-10-7	A Magwick	28-1

TRAINERS			JOCKEYS		
Winners	Runners	Per cent	Winners	Rides	Per cent
22	76	28.9	B De Haan	11	1
16	84	25.0	K Mooney	13	1
5	25	20.0	P Barton	11	77
2	94	18.1	R Linley	11	69
10	78	13.2	G Brown	14	123
18	146	13.0	Only qualifiers		

103 (12) 8-4332 TIMES-UPIN (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) 5 Ball 9-10-8 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 West (4) 88 7-3

Placecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fall, P-pulled up, U-unseated rider, B-brought down, S-skippped up, R-rakished), Horse's name (B-blinkers, V-visor, H-hood, E-eyeshield, C-course winner, D-distance wumper, CD-course

and distance winner, BF-beston spourer in testat meet, Owner in brackets, Trainer, Age and weight, Rider plus any stowens, The Times Phisna Handicapper's calling, Approximate starting price.

1	04P12Z	ARRIVAL (M & Langley-Pond) R Hodges 8-11-9		92	7-1
2	04P12Z	KOUROS (F Spear) O Brennan 8-11-9		93	7-4
3	4-00Z	MISTY FEATHERS (RM) (aka M & Runt) J King 6-11-9		94	3-1
4	00Z	BABY (A Campbell) O Brennan 8-11-9		95	3-1
5	0300Z	BATU (D) (aka Langley-Pond) D Grassel 6-11-9		96	1-1
6	0300Z	BOREMAN DOWN (aka M & Ashken) M Eynott 8-11-9		97	1-1
7	00P00Z	COVAL SHORE (C Plarke) S Langley 8-11-9		98	1-1
8	00P01Z	COFFIN J (Langley-Pond) J O Brennan 8-11-9		99	1-1
9	00Z	RABBITING SONG (C Saunders) C Saunders 7-11-9		100	1-1
10	00Z	SHOWY BONDARI (aka J Marshall) R Shattley 8-11-9		101	7-1
11	0 TACLOBEN	R (Langley-Pond) R Langley 8-11-9		102	7-1
12	04P00Z	RELEAF (F Loo) M & Runt 6-11-9		103	1-1
13	04P00Z	PENNY FALLS (G Dupont) M & C 6-11-9		104	1-1
14	00Z	KADIAN (R Squire) M Tompkins 5-10-9		105	1-1
15	4-00Z	WALKING CLOWN (C) M & Runt 5-10-9		106	1-1
16	00Z	GO-ALY (R Squire) (aka J Langley-Pond) R Hodges 5-10-9		107	1-1

brought down at the 14th only to be remounted and rail at the neck; At Nottingham (Nm) B-12892  
good, Jan 6 ran, **MISTY FEATHERS** (10-6) successful on penultimate cutting when beating Garami (10-7)  
[H] at Wolverhampton (Nm) 27:41.5 good, Dec 26, 14 run. BAUFU (11-2) could never get in a place when he  
was beaten by AIRWAYR (11-4) who was also his sire. He won two times over the season.  
In March 3rd and last fence casually. Dec 26, 14 run. RABBIT JUMPED on a 2nd beating of Lucky Gold (11-2) as  
AIRWAYR (Nm) 11:77.2, good, Feb. 4, 13 ran, **RAMBLES BONDS** (11-4) [2d] and to Paul Fryr (11-4) with COMEAL  
SHORE (11-4) put up at Nottingham (Nm), 22:25.3, good, Jan 27, 16 ran, **SNOOPY BRIDGEMAN** (11-3) just over  
the finish after Superfine (11-4) at Warwick (Nm), 22:04, good to sort, Dec 27, 16 run with AIRWAYR (11-4) an op-

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320 MAJOR CHARITIES TOWNSHIP MEMORIAL HUNTER CHASE (PUBLISHED 2m 40s) (13 runners)					
1	WPP/PPD CITY BOY (Mrs A Mann) Mrs A Mann 12-23-5	T Thomas Jones	53	6-41	6-41
2	W/ALCO CLASH (J Gossard) W A Segerson 10-13-5	J Gossard (7)	71	7-17	7-17
3	251127 CENTRAL LIGHT (Mr A Campbell) Mrs A Campbell 12-15-5	P Hocking (7)	71	6-41	6-41
4	702252 DRUMBLAND (Ms Wraggs) D Gossard 12-19-5	D Gossard	70	6-41	6-41
5	702259 SHALON 5896 (Mrs C Gossard) Mrs C Gossard 10-12-5	B Gossard (7)	70	6-41	6-41
6	602259 GUNTER (Mrs A Gossard) Mrs A Gossard 12-15-5	T Wilson (7)	70	6-41	6-41
7	102142 CAUCHER (J Simmonds) J Simmonds 8-12-5	J Simmonds (7)	64	14-14	14-14
8	102145 PRINCE ROWAN (D B Munro-Wilson) B Munro-Wilson 11-12-5	B Munro-Wilson (7)	71	7-17	7-17
9	102040 SEVERAL OPERATOR (J Towner) T Towner 8-12-5	T Towner	71	7-17	7-17
10	702259 THE CLIFTON (Mrs T Azzoni) Mrs T Azzoni 12-15-5	Mrs G Azzoni (7)	71	7-17	7-17
11	702040 THE COALBIT UNIT (J Turner) J Turner 8-12-5	P Talbot (7)	71	7-17	7-17
12	102145 WINTER PACE (Mrs A Viner) Mrs A Viner 8-12-5	W Viner (7)	71	7-17	7-17
13	702259 THE CLIFTON (Mrs T Azzoni) Mrs T Azzoni 12-15-5	Mrs G Azzoni (7)	71	7-17	7-17

way in 4m. **PEACE CLASH** (12-7) ended last season with an 18 3rd to Flying Ace (12-7) at Ayr (3m, £205, soft, May 14, 8 ran). Former high-class career **DRUMARGAN** (11-6) was last seen out when a 15th time feller in the Grand National (4m, £57255, good to soft, Apr 5, 40 ran). **SHACKIN BRIG** (12-0) concluded last season with a length beating of Easy Fella (12-6), with the **CLIFTONIAN** (12-0) putted up at Warwick (3m, £1442, good to soft, May 17, 14 ran). Amongst **SHREWD OPERATOR**'s efforts last year (17-4) was a creditable 101 2nd to earlmyran (11-5) at Cheltenham (2m, £1899, good to soft, Mar 13, 19 ran).

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1. 19 ran). **JESTO** is a better horse than he has shown this season and showed poetic signs of returning to form when (1-2) 20% 16th to Comedy Fair (12-3) at Market-Posen (2m 4f, £2148, soft, Dec 26, 15 ran). **DREAM MERCHANT** is consistent and off a good mark at present, on penultimate start (11-9) finished 1½ 2nd to Trifarian (3-3) at Fowtwell (2m 2f, £885, good, Dec 2, 12 ran). **MR CARACTACUS** was out of the handicap when (10-0) unplaced behind Easter Lee (10-4) in a good race at Sandown on Saturday but went well for a long way and can figure here (2m, £2784, good, Feb 6, 16 ran). **CAPISTRANO PRINCE** is inconsistent and test showed all form when (10-4) 1½ 2nd to Meehan (10-8) at Plumpton (2m, £1783, soft, Dec 9, 6 ran).

## Course specialists

TRAINERS				JOCKEYS		
Winners	Placemen	Per cent		Winners	Rides	Placings
J Edwards	8	14	57.5	M Dwyer	5	11
Jimmy Fitzgerald	8	31	25.8	H Davies	17	85
M Ryan	9	40	22.5	P Scudamore	13	82
G Gifford	30	185	16.2			14.1
G Gannon	12	65	18.2			
J Spawen	7	41	17.1			

Only qualifiers

WINCANTON CHALLENGE CUP NOVICE CHASE (15,960: 2m 50: 16 runners)						
2	4232-15	IMPERIAL CHAMPAGNE (C Raymond) Miss J Thorne 7-11-10	5	Sturhead	81	10-1
3	00F-12	SUMMONS (CJP) Mrs S Emberton J Gifford 8-11-10	6	E Marley	80	78-4
5	3100F9	ALLEN LAD (Sheikh Ali Sakamari) F Winder 8-11-10	7	R Unity	78	10-1
6	0044	ANGLICAN GLE (Sheikh Ali Sakamari) J Gifford 8-11-10	8	W. G. G. G. G.	77	10-1
11	0010-0	EVER GREEN (Dr Worthington) D Oughton 8-11-10	9	L Jorkin	77	25-1
13	00004-0	GILES CROSS (Dr D Chesney) Dr D Chesney 8-11-10	10	Dr D Chesney	75	1-1
14	1400F3	HALS JOY (S Palmer) M Pipe 8-11-10	11	R Milnes	75	10-1
15	0000F-8	MEADOWS (C Raymond) Miss J Thorne 7-11-10	12	W. G. G. G. G.	74	25-1
16	F-0002	MR DIBBS (P Gatten) Mrs J Plesan 6-11-10	13	De Haan	70	3-1
20	0-114	PEACEFUL MEMBER (A Strong) L Kennard 6-11-10	14	B Powell	70	1-1
23	000	ROMAN SON (M C Chappett) N Cassard 3-11-10	15	A Adams	70	1-1
25	0030F-7	ROCKY (C Raymond) Miss J Thorne 7-11-10	16	S. G. G. G. G.	70	1-1
26	000	FLUX THE BONDSDRESS (Mrs J Hargrave) J Honeyball 7-11-10	17	D Mustof	70	1-1
27	00P10	THE UNDERGRADUATE (P Wood) C Thynne 6-11-10	18	J Southam	70	1-1
28	00P-10	ARISE (Mrs M Pipe) M Pipe 6-11-10	19	K Mistry	70	1-1
31	00204F-	WELLY PANK (J Strong) G H Jones 6-10-13	20	J Jones	70	25-1

2	114151	1	IGOT STUNG (D) Delahochy J Delahochy 7-12-7	A 1491	9	99	77-4
2	123312	1	PROVE WILSONBE (R) Peary R Peary 11-12-7	G 1496	7	49	7-1
3	293003	1	KATE JURY (P) Hannan Moe E Sneyd 7-12-8				10-1
4	293003	1	ARTIC WARRNER (A) Shroder J Shroder 8-1-8				10-1
5	293144	1	BLUE BEANS (B) Randell R Randell 12-12-8				10-1
7	221003	1	BUCK'S RETURN (S) Folsom M S Folsom 9-12-8	Jr 1496	1	99	4-1
8	6047	1	CHART HALL (G) Mase S Mase 9-12-8	Mase S Mase 9-12-8			33-1
10	400600	1	FIGHTING ROCKET (M) E Michelson N Michelson 10-12-8	N Michelson			33-1
12	1262	1	FLYING X-RAY (A) Holmes A Holmes 9-12-8	A Walker 69			33-1
13	1262	1	GENERAL MERCHANT (G) Tait G Tait 7-12-8				71 10-1
14	400600	1	HARD TONGUE (S) Brown S Brown 12-12-8	S Brown			33-1
16	420030	1	ROMULEX (M) Bolemdroger M Bolemdroger 9-12-8	M Bolemdroger			24-1
17	400600	1	TAYOU (R) Robinson R Robinson 7-12-8	R Robinson			25-1
18	000000	1	SPARKMAN CLORY (G) Richards R Richards 10-12-8	R Richards			35 10-1
19	113024	1	WATRY MYTH (C) Calkins R Calkins 12-12-8	R Calkins			35 10-1
20	F0000	1	TILLSBURG (N) Ramsey N Ramsey 11-12-8	N Ramsey			78 25-1
21	000000	1	VILLAGE HUNK (G) Grant Grant 13-12-8	G Grant			81 8-1
22	000000	1	WINDY WINDY (G) Grant Grant 13-12-8	G Grant			81 8-1
23	000000	1	STONEWALL (G) Probert G Probert 8-11-8	Miles L Doherty			33-1

2	100	DEVIL'S RUN (P) (Mrs T Budge) T Budge 11-0	K H Moon	37	61
3	0120	FORNELL (P) (Jesse Thompson) R B & J (P) G Baking 11-3	K Moody	39	5-1
4	44	KUWAIT AT (P) (Thompson) N Thompson 10-10	D Mieritz (F)	73	16-1
5	180	MUSICAL (P) (Joseph R Frost) 10-10	A Carroll	20	4
6	100	STARS OF (P) (Robert D White) 10-10	J Frost	20	4
7	100	MOLDOER (P) (Pitzler) P J Jones 10-10	G Meese	25-1	
8	00	OUT YONDER (W Wignam) W Wignam 10-10	R Stronge	10	8-4
9	100	PLAIN TALK (S) (Cory) C Thompson 10-10	P Borton	70	10-1
10	000	PRIC (W Wignam) W Wignam 10-10	C Llewellyn (F)	20-1	
11	00	RUEK ST JACQUES (P) (Mature) R Smart 10-10	C Llewellyn (F)	20-1	
12	000	SAMRAH (Mrs R Devereux) P Jordan 10-10	A O'Hagan	10	1-1
13	000	SCORING (C) (Jesse Thompson) N Thompson 10-10	R Beggan	7-2	
14	000	THE LEGGERS (Mrs G Malcolm) L Howard 10-10	P Powell	10	1-1
15	00	TOM'S LITTLE WILL (T Steadson) W R Williams 10-10	N Macgregor (F)	10	1-1
16	00	WINTER HAVEN (J Dore) J B Baker 10-10	S Shilken	20	1-1
17	00	YATTON (R Brown) W Kemp 10-5	S Shilken	20	1-1
18	00	PERSIAN BLAZE (AC) C Sherrin 10-5	Mrs C Ebbett	30	1-1
19	00	THEYRE NECTAR (P) (L. Turiano) G Baking 10-5	S Steere	30	1-1
20	000	SMITHY'S GIRL (L Hyscarn) N Ayelle 10-5	R Kilmee	33-1	
21	00	SURLY (P Llewellyn) L Llewellyn 10-5	R Pacey	10	1-1
22	00	TEARN OF A Century (Baird & Co Ltd) D Jimmy 10-5	G Old	33-1	

9-223PZ	FILE GUARD (dir) J. Joseph D. Edwards	6-11-7	C Brown	28-1
9-30-110	COGNATE (C) Holmes & Gathers	9-11-5	C Chan	28-1
9-30-405	LAMPFRAP (C) J. Edwards	5-11-2	C Chan	28-1
9-6-3300	DICKS' FOLLY (C) (Mrs M. Agnew)	8-10-13	S. Powell	28-2
9-9-000	JOHN LULLBOUGH (C) (A. Agnew)	8-10-12	W. Adams	28-2
9-12-22	ELABORATE (C) J. Edwards	10-10-6	C Chan	28-2
9-13-01	TOPSAIL (C) J. Edwards	7-10-6	A. Carroll	29-1
13-000	KNOWSTON (C) (Mrs A. Sings)	7-10-4	W. Adams	29-1
9-10-10	WIGZARD (C) J. Edwards	7-10-6	S. Powell	29-1
9-9-1P	CAUTION (C) J. Edwards & S. Patterson	5-10-4	C Gray	31-151
10P-60	CERVANTE'S SOVEREIGN (Mrs F. Hwang)	3-10-5	S. Patterson	36-163
9-10-10	LAUREL (C) J. Edwards	10-10-4	S. Chan	36-163
9-000-20	CHARLES' ROCK (Mrs M. Sings)	7-10-4	L. Harvey	77-251
PP-000	ADAMS (R. Vane) & Vane	6-10-0		33-1

Owen O'Neill, who trains right on the top of Cleve Hill, overlooking Cheltenham, scaled the heights at Ascot yesterday when he landed a 40-1 double with Model Pupil and Christian Schad.

Model Pupil, unbeaten in his last three races, was an impressive winner of the Farnham Hurdle, a chance race for 3-year-olds.

Graham Bradley, Model Pupil's trainer, said the horse had reduced the lead of long-time leader Atrabates going to the second last and jumped the final fence alongside the Lambourn-trained mare.

The gelding then produced the better acceleration on the flat to win by three lengths with

farmer's son from Abergavenny, landed his biggest success on a Charter Warden in the Chatterhouse Handicap Chase, despite putting up 3lb overweight.

Richards, three times junior point-to-point champion rider of Britain, was riding over the tough fences for the first time since he was capped by the Ross-on-Wye-trained gelding four lengths clear of Simon Legree.

Dan The Miller, unbeaten in three races this season, found the tough Ascot fences his undoing in the Spilling Novices Chase. Installed 11-10 favourite for a four-timer, the eight-year-

Trainers' Federation, yesterday repeated his appeal for the Jockey Club to review their policy on prohibited substances in saccharose.

Speaking the day after five horses were disqualified from seven races after amounts of theobromine, believed to be about one part per million, were found in post-race tests, Mackness again asked the Jockey Club to look at the possibility of reaching a level below which a horse would not be disqualified.

At present, the Jockey Club automatically disqualifies a horse if any trace of a prohibited substance is found, no matter how small.

It is a little more difficult of the

## Free competition

Tomorrow and Saturday *The Times* presents a free competition with six first-class prizes: each a luxury visit for two people to the Tote Gold Cup at the Cheltenham National Hunt Festival next month.

third, Bradley was substituting for Seamus O'Neill — no relation to the winning trainer — who injured his ribs at Warwick on Tuesday.

I had at Ascot was proper about 15 years ago. Model Puppi has been in a row of five wins in a row when beating Against The Grain by three lengths in the Reynoldsdown Novices Chase and trainer Andy Turrell will not be far off again until the Sun Alliance Chase.

Injured jockeys who hope to

A spokeswoman for the Jockey Club said that a request made by the Trainers' Federation had been partially successful. However, the club said it would be given the discretion to waive fines on trainers in prohibited substance cases. However, a plea not to dis-

O'Neill could be in the Doherty Novices' Hurdle. Allen Webb produced Christian Schad to challenge Prime Oats at the final flight and gained the advantage on the run-in for a 1½-length success.

Mark Richards, a 72-year-old

**By Phil McLennan**

The substantial increases in the cost of bookmakers' licences, which come into effect this spring, were yesterday accepted philosophically by the industry's representative body, causing any great distress. I suppose new bookmakers will be hardest hit but it's only right that existing members should be favoured if anyone is.

*The new prices follow a move*

empowered to order samples from jockeys although random sampling will not be introduced.

A Jockey Club spokesman said that although there is no evidence to suggest any jockey is favoured in drug abuse the stewards are aware that the use of hard drugs could

lancers' Association).  
From April 1 (March 1 in bookmakers' terms), the cost of a permit will be £100 instead of £1 and a licence for each new betting agency £80 instead of £1. For existing bookmakers, permit renewals are up from £10 to £12. The original £1 fees had not been altered since the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act of 1963.  
Tom Kelly, BOLA's director-general, says: "Any increases are obviously regrettable but I can't see these licensing procedures self-financing. In order to achieve this in the bookmaking industry, £300,000 was required to cover administrative costs and the increased fees are not expected to produce in the region of £400,000.  
Looking to the future, Mr Kelly is optimistic that a proposed three-yearly licensing system will replace the current annual renewal system. This would reduce administrative expenses but new legislative legislation to become operative.  
that the incorporation of these powers in the rules of racing will have the required deterrent effect.  
**Owner fined £150**  
John Stafford, owner of My Monks, was fined £150 at a Jockey Club disciplinary committee yesterday for breaches of the Rules concerning a declaration made at the Leicester racecourse stewards by him regarding vaccination details appearing in the horse's passport when produced for inspection on Novem-

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## TENNIS

## Early exit of Gomer is the first surprise

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Britain's Sara Gomer, the eighth seed in the Virginia Slims women's tournament here, suffered a second-round upset when she was beaten in straight sets, 7-6, 6-4, by Liz Minter, the unseeded Australian, yesterday.

Gomer's defeat was the only upset of the tournament so far. Catherine Lindqvist, of Sweden, the second seed, reached the second round with a 7-5, 6-1 win over Wilfrid Probst of West Germany, and Larissa Savchenko, the third seed, beat her compatriot, Natalia Zvereva, 6-4, 6-1.

In the other second-round singles matches played, Svetlana Pankratova, of the Soviet Union, beat Italy's Sandra Cecchini, 6-2, 6-4; Silke Meier, of West Germany, overcame Catherine Suire, of France, 6-1, 6-3; Carina Karlsson beat Pascale Paradis of France, 6-2, 6-0; and Natalia Bykova, another Russian, eliminated Anne Smith of the United States.

RESULTS: Singles, first round (US time): 7-6, 6-4, M. Lindqvist (SWE) vs. W. Probst (FRG), 6-1, 6-3; S. Gomer (GB) vs. L. Minter (AUS), 6-7, 6-4; C. Lindqvist (SWE) vs. P. Paradis (FR), 6-2, 6-0; L. Savchenko (URS) vs. N. Zvereva (URS), 6-4, 6-1; S. Pankratova (URS) vs. S. Cecchini (ITA), 6-2, 6-4; S. Meier (FRG) vs. C. Suire (FR), 6-1, 6-3; C. Karlsson (SWE) vs. A. Smith (USA), 6-2, 6-0.

SAN FRANCISCO: Sylvia Hanika, returning to the form that earned her a place in the world's top five in 1983, caused the shock of the first round when she beat the Gabriela Sabatini, the fourth-seeded Argentine, 6-3, 6-1, in the first round of the Virginia Slims of California.

The 27-year-old West German, now placed 43rd in the world rankings, attributed her win to better fitness: she said that she lost 20 lb in the autumn. Sabatini took the first set after five set points — with a forehand volley, but Hanika took the lead in the second set, and was never threatened after breaking serve in the second game, to win 6-3, 6-1.

"I lost confidence when I lost my first set," said Sabatini. "The first set took a lot out of me."

Zina Garrison, the third seed, had no such problems. The American registered a comfortable win, 6-3, 6-3, over Isabelle Deminguer, the unseeded French player.

Stephanie Rebe, the eighth seed who reached the fourth round of last season's US Open while still a 16-year-old, booked her passage to the second round of this tournament after a 3-6, 6-3, 5-3 win over another American, Kate Gompert.

And Melissa Gurney, another 17-year-old American, with a promising future, defeated Anne White, her experienced compatriot, 6-2, 6-1.

RESULTS: Singles, first round (US time): 6-3, 6-1, M. Lindqvist (SWE) vs. W. Probst (FRG), 6-1, 6-3; S. Gomer (GB) vs. L. Minter (AUS), 6-7, 6-4; C. Lindqvist (SWE) vs. P. Paradis (FR), 6-2, 6-0; L. Savchenko (URS) vs. N. Zvereva (URS), 6-4, 6-1; S. Pankratova (URS) vs. S. Cecchini (ITA), 6-2, 6-4; S. Meier (FRG) vs. C. Suire (FR), 6-1, 6-3; C. Karlsson (SWE) vs. A. Smith (USA), 6-2, 6-0.

Libya pull out

Libya has withdrawn from their Davis Cup African zone second round tie against Egypt next month, the International Tennis Federation (ITF) said yesterday. An ITF official said Libya had pulled out of the tie on March 13-15 "for technical reasons".

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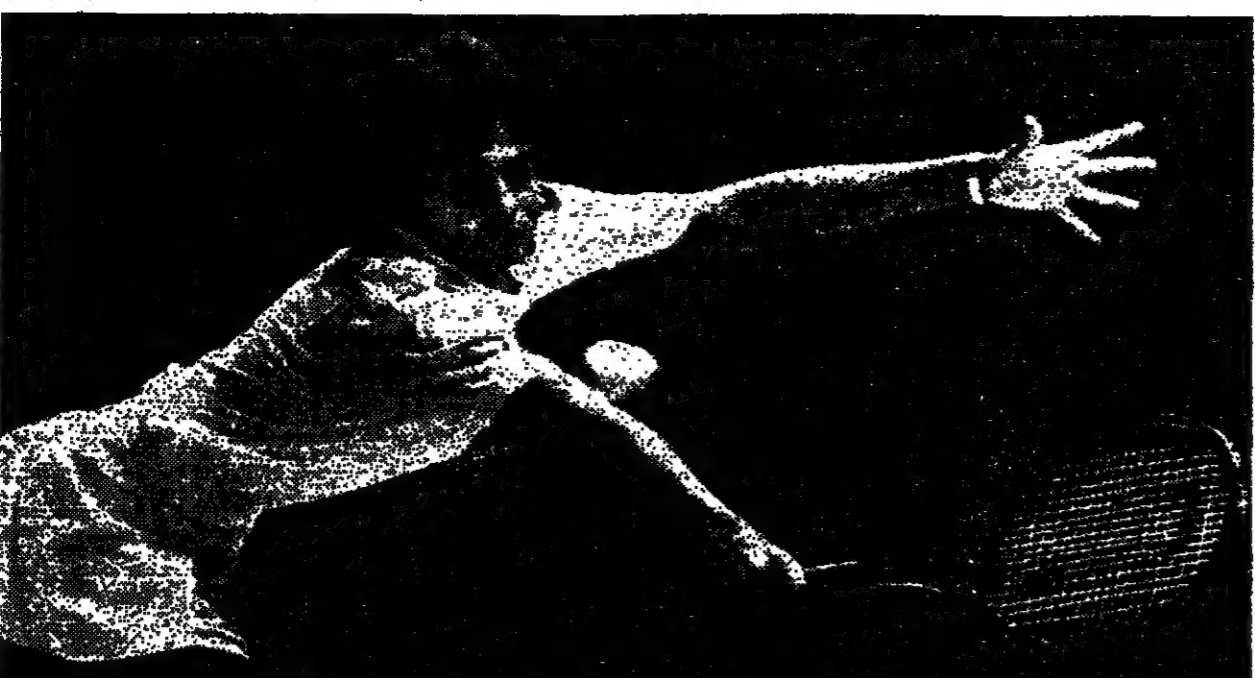
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## FOOTBALL: FIRST DIVISION MANAGERS MAP WAY AHEAD

## Three wise men guide the thinking on game's future

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Three wise men, Ron Greenwood, Jimmy Hill and Bertie Mee, will this afternoon lead an informal meeting of the managers of the first division clubs at Coventry City. There is no specific agenda. They are to "look in to the future and to discuss methods of improving the game".

Since the talks are being led by figures of experience (Greenwood in the international arena, Hill in the media field and Mee in the public relations world), the prospect of a positive outcome is encouraging. Yet traditionally the assembly of 25 representatives may not finish speaking with one voice.

At least those who have a powerful influence on the game are gathering together.

## Mullen joins old friend at Aberdeen

Jimmy Mullen, the Newport County manager, has once again joined forces with Ian Porterfield, the Aberdeen manager. They played together at Sheffield Wednesday and Mullen later joined Porterfield at Rotherham. Yesterday the old friends became a team again when Mullen left the Welsh club to take up an appointment as assistant manager at Aberdeen.

Another new arrival at Aberdeen is Brian Mitchell, the Bradford City defender, for £70,000. Porterfield has yet to decide whether to grant John Hewitt, the £250,000-rated forward, his transfer request.

Barnsley have rejected Sheffield Wednesday's offer of £200,000 for Larry May, their outstanding central defender. The club has also rejected a £100,000 offer from Leicester City for their forward, Wednesday had hoped to include May against Arsenal on Saturday.

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Cambridge did a lot of good running and were unlucky to be a goal down at half-time. All their variations at short corners came to nothing and they had six of these awards in this period.

Old Kingstons took 12 minutes to make their first entry into the circle where Cambridge were penalized for obstruction to concede a short corner. Another short corner in favour of the visitors, awarded in the sixteenth minute, proved fruitful. Gary Nienow, himself a Cambridge Blue, seized the ball from a scrum and pushed it into an open goal.

Old Kingstons were indebted to Reynolds who made two saves on the line, one from Stimson at a short corner and another from Shafiq shortly after Old Kingstons had scored. A minute before the interval however, Shafiq, Cambridge outside left, provided the equalizer.

THE NETHERLANDS, Switzerland and Sweden have agreed to send teams to the Ipswich meet, after which an English international squad will be selected for summer competitions.

Adrian Moorhouse, who broke the one-minute barrier in the 100m breaststroke in Bournemouth at the weekend, continued his good form by setting a new British long-course record in the 50m breaststroke, finishing in 28.52sec at Hamburg.

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## CRICKET

# Pakistan let Kapil Dev and Azharuddin find India an escape route

From Richard Streeton, Calcutta

An unfinished sixth wicket stand between Mohammad Azharuddin and Kapil Dev prevented Pakistan from seizing full control when they asked India to bat first in the second Test match here yesterday. Pakistan held the initiative before the side was stopped. By the close India were 225 for five wickets.

It was tight and gritty with Pakistan barely reaching 12 overs an hour and the Indian batsmen often bogged down. They knew the game at Eden Gardens and a 70,000 crowd fully appreciated the struggle between bat and ball.

The pitch shaven of any grass promised little help. Imran Khan presumably felt he had the best chance to dictate the game's pattern if he gave his bowlers first opportunity. For a time he was right. Without bowling at their best, Pakistan were helped by indiscretions by the batsmen.

Azharuddin, early on, did nothing to suggest he would stay. He survived some anxious moments against Wasim Akram and Saleem Jaffer, the left-arm seamer, and his 51 not out spread over 195 minutes was a triumph for perseverance. Kapil initially suffered agonies against Abdul Qadir's spin, but he too, came through and the stand has brought 76 runs in 25 overs.

Imran finished the day with the worst figures, but perhaps bowled the best. Srikanth took three fours from his third over and Vengsarkar later played some glorious drives and square cuts. Otherwise Imran regularly beat the bat without any luck. Both Akram and Jaffer maintained a good line and pace and Qadir regularly bothered everyone.

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degree of swing before the early hours dispersed, but it did not stop Srikanth looking for runs. In the sixth over, however, he lofted the ball high and Malik on the square-leg boundary did not have to move for the catch.

Amarnath looked solid before he was run out for the second time in successive Test innings. Arun Lal pushed a ball from Jaffer into the covers and Amarnath, backing up too far, could not regain safety before Shaib Mohammad's throw hit the stumps.

Sunil Gavaskar's self-imposed absence for the first time in 106 Tests was marked by numerous banners of protest and chanting, while an effigy was burnt outside the ground. Gavaskar, booted during the Calcutta Test against England during the 1984-85 tour, told a Calcutta newspaper: "I need privacy."

But his decision brought wide-spread criticism. One group of protesters fasted for eight hours; some leading politicians asked that he never be chosen for India again and Bishan Bedi, the former captain, said: "Along with millions of others, I am disgusted with his decision." The Indian selectors have also dropped Gavaskar for the second one-day international at Eden Gardens next Wednesday.

Pakistan were again helped when Arun, who brimmed with confidence, mistimed a hook and lobbed a simple catch to backward square-leg. Arun, who is 31 and played four Tests four years ago, has made three double centuries in recent weeks and was preferred to Lamba as Gavaskar's stand-in. Arun does not like opening, but seemed

set for a long innings when he was out.

While Azharuddin struggled and Vengsarkar played himself in, the scoring rate slowed, but the worst seemed over when Vengsarkar and Shastri were out in successive overs to leave India 149 for five. Vengsarkar aimed a loose square cut at a ball leaving him and departed extremely angry with himself. Shastri earned five runs with the help of overthrows as he drove his first ball for a single. He then tried to drive Qadir, but was utterly bamboozled by a googly.

Azharuddin however grew in confidence and drove with splendid timing on both sides of the wicket once he settled down. Kapil overcame his initial problems with Qadir and looked much happier against the fast bowlers, as the match entered its extra twenty minutes, stipulated if 82 overs are not reached in the day. Pakistan had called 75 when a half was called, a poor performance by a team who for long periods were on top.

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K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Second Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Third Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Fourth Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Fifth Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Sixth Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Seventh Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Eighth Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Ninth Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Tenth Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Eleventh Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Twelfth Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Thirteenth Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Fourteenth Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Fifteenth Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Sixteenth Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Seventeenth Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Eighteenth Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Nineteenth Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Twentieth Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Twenty-first Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Twenty-second Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Twenty-third Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Twenty-fourth Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Twenty-fifth Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Twenty-sixth Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Twenty-seventh Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Twenty-eighth Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

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K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Thirtieth Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Thirty-first Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Thirty-second Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Thirty-third Innings  
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INDIA: Fortieth Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Forty-first Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

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K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

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INDIA: Fifty-first Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

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INDIA: Sixtieth Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Sixty-first Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

INDIA: Sixty-second Innings  
K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

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K. Srikumar 22, M. B. Prasad 22, A. Lal 22, S. Gavaskar 22, M. Amarnath 22, V. Vengsarkar 22, S. Shastri 22, R. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22, S. Shastri 22.

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It takes all sorts: Phil Carrick, Yorkshire's captain, with Bertie Bassett, the club's sponsor

## Yorkshire's sweet salvation

By Martin Searby

Yorkshire, who were forced to sell under £30,000 of their assets to put their balance sheet in the black this year, were thrown a lifeline yesterday when Bassett, a confectionery firm, undertook a three-year sponsorship deal worth £25,000 in the first year.



# TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Christopher Davalle

## Straightforward contradictions



Portrait of the Protector: Bert Parnaby takes on the guise of Oliver Cromwell in *Timewatch* (BBC2, 8pm)

● A portrait of Oliver Cromwell forms the centre of *Timewatch* (BBC2, 8pm); while Cromwell (very well portrayed by Bert Parnaby) sits for an artist, he also examines his conscience on the awkward subjects of his career: the Irish campaign, the execution of the Levellers. Parnaby plays Cromwell with warm conviction, above all as a straightforward man, while various contemporary historians um and ah and disagree about the contradictory nature of the man. One puts it, Cromwell is the historian's Hamlet and every generation feels the need to go back and try to get him right.

● One in three marriages is now a remarriage, therefore, 40 Minutes (BBC2, 9.30pm) argues, this is the age of the step-family. *Do You Still Love Me?* devotes itself to this

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stuffy subject and three families talk of the strains imposed on the extended family. Violence, sexual jealousy and financial strain are the most common problems. If family life is hell, then life in a step-family is, on the evidence of this documentary, gristly and sometimes in this documentary of grisly candour ends and cruelty starts.

● The frequent problem with television drama is that it pays too much attention to the script and not enough to the visuals. Contemporary British films, on the other hand, often undervalue the importance of the script. For this reason *Film On Four* sometimes risks being neither property one nor the other. A new season of films begins with *The Chain*

(Channel 4, 9pm), written by Jack Rosenthal and directed by Jack Gold, men who have both made their reputations in television. It concerns that bottomless source of British anecdote and nightmare, buying and moving houses. However, it is the cast that really recommends this film. It includes Nigel Hawthorne, Bernard "Yosser" Hill and Billie Whitelaw.

● The most mysterious title of the week has to be *Steelcheck*, Nail in the Boot and the Barking Dog (Channel 4, 10.50pm) which in fact relates the story of the Belfast shipyard through the songs and anecdotes of those who work there. The programme won last year's prize at Ireland's Golden Harp Television Festival.

Chris Pettit



Better the second time round? A kiss for FH Lt Mike Humphrey from one member of his new family (BBC2, 9.30pm)

- BBC1**
- 6.00 *Casualty* 6.55 *Weather*
  - 7.00 *Breakfast Time*, National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and traffic reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.
  - 8.40 *Watchdog*. On the day that Crutts dog show commences, how kind are we to canines? 8.55 *Regional news* and weather.
  - 9.00 *News and weather* 9.05 *Day to Day*. Robert Kilroy-Silk and a studio audience of hereditary and life peers discuss 'Is the House of Lords a valid institution?' 9.45 *Advice Shop*. A scheme to give home care a break.
  - 10.00 *News and weather* 10.05 *Neighbours*. (r) 10.25 *Children's BBC*. 10.30 *Play School* 10.50 *Horror the Engine*. (r)
  - 10.55 *Five to Eleven*. Rudolph Walker with a thought for the day 11.00 *News and weather* 11.05 *Food and Drink*. (r) 11.35 *Open Air* includes news and weather at 12.00.
  - 12.30 *The Tom O'Connor Roadshow*. Variety show from Blackpool. 12.55 *Regional news and weather*. One O'Clock News with Martin Lewis. Weather. 1.25 *Neighbours*. 1.50 *The Flumps*. (r)
  - 2.05 *Film: Where There's a Will* (1936) starring Will Hay and Graham Moffatt. Comedy about an impoverished lawyer with offices above a bank. Directed by William Beaudine. 3.20 *Shak*, the Red Fox. The second of two programmes following the progress of a young footman on the Somerset Levels. (r)
  - 3.50 *The Adventures of Bulwinkle and Rocky*. Part four. (r) 4.00 *Fingermouse*. (r) 4.10 *SuperTed*. (r) 4.20 *The Adventures of Bulwinkle and Rocky*. Part five. (r) 4.25 *Jackanory*. Christopher

- BBC2**
- 6.55 *Open University: Rules Rule*. OK? Ends at 7.20. 8.00 *Casualty*.
  - 9.35 *Daytime on Two* basic German courses 9.55 *How a baby grows in the mother's womb*, and an actual birth. For eight- to ten-year olds 10.15 *The fish of the newly-cleared River Thames* 10.30 *History - Roosevelt and the New Deal* 11.00 *Thinkabout* 1.15 *Owning up to wrongdoing*.
  - 11.40 *The 11-year old unsolved murder of Enrico Sidoli* 12.12 *The 1941 bombing of Clydeside* 12.30 *Casualty* 12.45 *Science: The Pacific* Table 1.45 *A French course for beginners* 1.30 *The travellers of Wales* 2.00 *News and weather* 2.02 *The logistics of moving house* 2.15 *Basic musical form*.
  - 2.35 *Bazaar*. Jodi Spiers with more hints on how to cut the cost of living. (r)
  - 3.00 *News and weather*.
  - 3.03 *World Bowls*. The first two second round matches in the Embassy World Indoor Bowls Championship.
  - 3.30 *News*, regional news and weather.
  - 4.00 *Panama Armstrong*.
  - 4.30 *World Bowls*. The second visit of the afternoon to the Coastbridge Bowling Club.
  - 5.30 *Film 57* (r)
  - 6.00 *World Bowls*. The team is out to save a small state's leader-in-exile in order to depose the cruel dictator who took over. (r)
  - 6.50 *International Pro-Celebrity Golf*. The first of a series of ten programmes in which Tony Jacklin and Gary Player, with various partners, play for the Whyte and Mackay Scotch Trophy over a selected nine holes of the Ailsa Course, Turnberry. This evening, the partners are Jasper Carrott and Cliff Topham. Presented by Peter Ellis.
  - 7.40 *World Bowls*. Highlights of this afternoon's second round matches.
  - 8.00 *Timewatch: Faces of Cromwell*. How do modern historians view the man? Christopher Hill, Hugh Trevor-Roper, Blair Worden, Ivan Roots, and Brendan Bradshaw give their opinions. With Bert Parnaby as Cromwell, and Peter Pacey as the painter, Peter Leary.
  - 9.00 *The Mistress*. Luke is lonely when both his wife and his mistress desert him at the same time.
  - 9.30 *40 Minutes: Do You Still Love Me?* A documentary about new relationships formed in step-families. (Cesair)
  - 10.10 *World Bowls*. The first round match of the World Indoor Bowls Championship.
  - 10.35 *Newsnight* 11.20 *Weather*.
  - 11.25 *World Bowls*. The final visit of the day to Coastbridge.
  - 12.10 *University World* 12.15 *Eurekka* 12.45

- ITV/LONDON**
- 6.15 *TV-am* presented by Mike Morris. Weather at 6.25 and 6.55; news at 6.30; sport at 6.40; and exercises at 6.55.
  - 7.00 *Good Morning Britain*. Introduced by Elaine Irving and Richard Keys. News at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 8.40; cartoon at 7.25; sport at 7.40; pop music at 7.45; and *Una Stubbs' postbag* at 8.35. After Nine includes a recorded interview with Cilla Black. Claire Rayner with advice on personal problems; and, at 9.17, exercises with Lizzie Webb.
  - 9.25 *Thames news headlines*.
  - 9.30 *Schools*: how a story is printed in a newspaper 9.42 *Learning to read* with Bill Odell 9.54 *How animals and plants survive the cold* 10.11 *A film to stimulate creative work* 10.25 *Coming to the attention of the police* 11.03 *Episode three of Jan Mark's ghost story*, *Interference* 11.20 *How television tins are designed* 11.37 *How We Used to Live*: a flu epidemic.
  - 12.00 *Creepy Crawlers*. (r) 12.10 *Puddle Lane* 12.30 *The Sullivan*.
  - 1.00 *News at One* with Leonard Parlin 1.20 *Thames news*.
  - 1.30 *Falcon Crest*. Drama serial starring Jane Wyman as the matriarch of a California wine business 2.05 *Home Concoction Club*. Crunchy Fruit Layer.
  - 2.30 *Daytime*. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on love and romance in the *Aids* series. With Germaine Greer, Philip Hodson, Liz Hodgkinson 3.00 *Take Six* Cooks. Food lecturer John Hubbard prepares dessert. (r) 3.25 *Thames news headlines* 3.30 *Sons and Daughters* lives led by the ultra-Orthodox.
  - 4.00 *The Raggy Dolls*. (r) 4.10 *Batfink*. (r) 4.20 *The Wind in the Willows*. Badger's Remedy 4.45 *The Blunders*. (r) 4.55 *The Book Tower*. (Oracle)
  - 5.15 *Connections*. General

- CHANNEL 4**
- 2.30 *Their Lordships' House*. (r) 2.35 *Film: The Daughter of Rosie O'Grady* (1956) starring June Haver and Gordon Macrae. Musical tale about the daughter of a celebrated musical comedy star who is refused permission by her father to follow in her mother's footsteps. Directed by David Butler.
  - 4.30 *Countdown*. Yesterday's winner is challenged by Ted Taylor, an organist from Burton-on-Trent. The questionmaster is Richard Whiteley assisted by Steve Jones.
  - 5.00 *Badminton*. Highlights of the Carlsberg English National Championships 1987 from Crawley, presented by Richard Keys. The commentators are Dave Brenner and Derek Talbot.
  - 5.30 *Two by Four*. Two short stories by Frederick Forsyth - *A Careful Man*, about a dying millionaire and his plan to stop his greedy family inheriting his money; and *Franchise*, how a labelled stamp collector obtains justice. (r)
  - 6.30 *Union Works: The Lessons of Wapping*. Mike Walsh examines the break-up of union solidarity since the 1970s; and Trevor Hyatt talks to Tony Dobbins, Roy Sanderson, and Ken Gil.
  - 7.00 *Channel 4 News* with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen, includes Trevor McDonald's final report from Nicaragua - a profile of the country's president Daniel Ortega. Commented followed by Weather.
  - 7.50 *HTV Wales*. As HTV West accepts Forward Looking 11.00am-11.15 *Look* The Week 11.15-11.35 *Lifestyles*.
  - 8.00 *Treasure Hunt*. The first of a new 14-part, fifth series. Annette Rice hunts and puts around Switzerland on behalf of the brother and sister team of Paul Tomlinson and Hazel Fernyhough. The urban Kenneth Kendall is the anchorman in the studio. (Oracle)
  - 9.00 *Film on Four: The Chain* (1985) starring Maurice Denham, Nigel Hawthorne, Bernard Hill, and Daniel Lawson. A Jack Rosenthal comedy about the experiences of seven couples, each moving house, each dependent on the other to keep the fragile chain in one piece. Directed by Jack Gold. (Oracle)
  - 10.50 *Steelcheck*. Nail in the Boot and the Barking Dog. An award-winning documentary telling the story of Belfast docks through songs, stories and anecdotes of the men who work there. Mike Angelou in Performance. The entertainer entrances her 1000-strong audience at London's Lewisham Theatre with a mixture of songs, stories, poetry, prose, laughter, and dance.
  - 12.25 *Their Lordships' House*. Ends at 12.40.

- VARIATIONS**
- BBC1** WALSLEY 2.00pm-3.30pm *Snooker* or 3.35-4.00pm *Today Show* 6.35-7.00 *So You Think You Know It* 11.55-12.20pm *Snooker* 12.20-12.55 *News and weather* 12.55-1.30pm *Today's Sports* 1.30-1.55 *Today's Sports* 1.55-2.00 *Today's Sports* 2.00-2.15 *Today's Sports* 2.15-2.30 *Today's Sports* 2.30-2.45 *Today's Sports* 2.45-3.00 *Today's Sports* 3.00-3.15 *Today's Sports* 3.15-3.30 *Today's Sports* 3.30-3.45 *Today's Sports* 3.45-4.00 *Today's Sports* 4.00-4.15 *Today's Sports* 4.15-4.30 *Today's Sports* 4.30-4.45 *Today's Sports* 4.45-5.00 *Today's Sports* 5.00-5.15 *Today's Sports* 5.15-5.30 *Today's Sports* 5.30-5.45 *Today's Sports* 5.45-6.00 *Today's Sports* 6.00-6.15 *Today's Sports* 6.15-6.30 *Today's Sports* 6.30-6.45 *Today's Sports* 6.45-7.00 *Today's Sports* 7.00-7.15 *Today's Sports* 7.15-7.30 *Today's Sports* 7.30-7.45 *Today's Sports* 7.45-8.00 *Today's Sports* 8.00-8.15 *Today's Sports* 8.15-8.30 *Today's Sports* 8.30-8.45 *Today's Sports* 8.45-9.00 *Today's Sports* 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